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CASTRO WATCH

Israel Deepens Offensive

Fierce fighting with Hezbollah expands to eastern Lebanon

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Israel launched a major attack deep into Lebanon, and Hezbollah said its guerrillas were fighting Israeli commandos trapped inside a hospital in the eastern city of Baalbek early Wednesday.

The Israeli army would not comment on the operation in the ancient city, which was once a Syrian army headquarters some 80 miles north of Israel. The Web site of the Israeli daily Haaretz reported that “helicopters put down IDF [military] commandos near Baalbek,” without adding details.

The ferocity of the battles in Baalbek and ac-



A map showing the border between Lebanon and Israel. The Mediterranean Sea is to the west. Beirut is marked with a black dot in Lebanon. Baalbek is marked with a red starburst symbol in Lebanon. The Litani River flows from the north towards the border. A red starburst symbol is located on the river in Lebanon, and another is on the border in Israel. The word 'LEBANON' is written in the upper part of the map, and 'ISRAEL' is written in the lower part.

Hezbollah's chief spokesman, Hussein

Rahal, told The Associated Press that Israeli troops landed near Dar al-Hikma Hospital and that fierce fighting was raging after more than one hour.

In southern Lebanon on Tuesday, troops battled guerrillas after Israel ordered its army to punch all the way to the Litani River. Thousands of troops were operating along the Israel-Lebanon border.

Additional soldiers crossed into Lebanon on Tuesday, Israeli defense officials said, joining forces already fighting there.

HUSSEIN DAKROUB (AP)

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CLEANING | Mop & Blow A Scunthorpe, England, man blew up his house after scrubbing the kitchen floor with cleaning fluid mixed with gasoline, the Sun reported. Ron Cox was trying to get glue off the tiles when he decided to mix the fluid with gas; fumes from



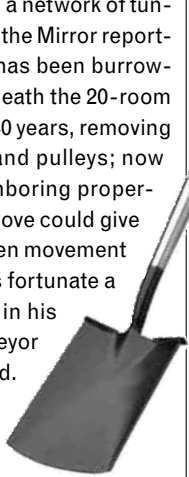
the mixture were ignited by the pilot light on the house's boiler. "I didn't realize what had happened at first. I couldn't believe the damage," Cox said. "It was just a cupful." A neighbor put out the fire; Cox was unhurt. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners | Page 2**

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

20 BR, 12 BA, 8 Tunnels

A De Beauvoir, England, man has been banned from his \$1.8 million home after digging a network of tunnels underneath it, the Mirror reported. William Lyttle has been burrowing tunnels underneath the 20-room home for the past 40 years, removing dirt with a spade and pulleys; now officials fear neighboring property and the street above could give out. "There has been movement in the ground. He's fortunate a London bus is not in his front garden," surveyor Philip Wilman said. "It's liable to lead to catastrophe." Lyttle is staying in a hotel while the city makes \$187,000 in repairs, which Lyttle will have to cover. (EXPRESS)



NICE TRY

Behind Bars

Springfield, Vt., officials have nixed an idea for a jailhouse bar. The town liquor board rejected an inmate's application to sell liquor from the state prison. Paul Murphy is serving time at the Southern State Correctional Facility for aggravated assault, escape and passing bad checks. He said in an application for a first- and second-class liquor license that he wanted to sell liquor from his home, which he listed at 700 Charlestown Road. That also happens to be the address of the state prison. Regardless of the bid to have liquor delivered to a prison, town officials say many portions of the application were left blank. "We determined that the application was incomplete," said town manager Robert Forguites. (AP)



GLUG GLUG GLUG

Wet Bar

When this diver said he got tanked over the weekend, he meant that in more than one way — not only describing the beer he drank, but the underwater aquarium locale in which he drank it. He was just a few of the people who got sloshed at a beer festival in Dalian, China, on Sunday. China's beer market is the world's largest, with many major international beer companies expanding operations in the country. But, we imagine, none are offering such smooth chlorine flavor. (EXPRESS)

AIR CONDITIONING

Those Pit Stains are From the Antifreeze

A Tokyo company says it has created the world's first air-conditioned shirt,

United Press International reported. Kuchofuku's shirt uses two small battery-operated fans — which are removed during washing — to circulate air and evaporate sweat. The fans, which can also be powered by computer

USB port, also inflate the shirt partially, making wearers look like the "Michelin Man," inventor Hiroshi Ichigaya said. "On factory floors, people are more worried about being able to do their jobs in comfort." (EXPRESS)

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PRESIDENTIAL POUNDS: President Bush's doctors pronounced him healthy and in better shape than most men his age Tuesday, but the president himself seemed a little upset about packing on some extra pounds. "I probably ate too many birthday cakes," he said.

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In Brief

NEW YORK

Man Accused of Shining Laser Pointer at Helicopter

A 19-year-old man was arrested after authorities said he shined a laser pointer at a police helicopter. The bright green laser beamed into the cockpit late Monday night, temporarily blinding the officers, said Melissa Klein, an NYPD spokeswoman. Police arrested Anthony Pepe a short time later, and charged him with reckless endangerment and criminal possession of a weapon, Klein said. (AP)

MOUNT CLEMENS, MICH.

Murder Suspect Mistakenly Freed Gets Life in Prison

An ex-convict was sentenced Tuesday to life without parole for killing a young couple after he was mistakenly released from custody. Selepak pleaded guilty last month to two counts of first-degree murder for the strangulation death of a 27-year-old pregnant woman, Melissa Berels, and the torture and killing of her husband, Scott Berels, also 27. Corrections officials have acknowledged that Selepak, 27, should have been imprisoned for a parole violation charge at the time. (AP)

Democratic Turn Out

→ Top Democrats are increasingly concerned that they lack an effective plan to turn out voters this fall, prompting House Democrats to launch new campaigns. | **Today, AI**

IN The Washington Post

Stifling Heat Hits East Coast of U.S.

Hot weather reaches northeast, spurring power conservation

NEW YORK | Blistering heat settled over the eastern half of the nation Tuesday, part of the same heat wave that was blamed for as many as 164 deaths in California.

Soaring temperatures gave Chicago a fifth straight day of oppressive weather and promised at least three days of brow-mopping temperatures in the New York metropolitan area.

Residents on Chicago's South Side were evacuated from buildings by the hundreds, one day after the power went out to 20,000 customers. Illinois officials blamed three deaths on the heat. The blis-



SPRITZED: Children cool off from the excessive heat in a sprinkler on Tuesday in New York City. Temperatures are expected to top 100 degrees for the next few days.

tering temperatures also scorched Conyers, Ga., where a high school football player died one day after collapsing at practice.

The National Weather Service said the mercury could reach 104 on Wednesday, and Thursday could be bad, too.

By midafternoon, the temperature in Chicago was 100, and in New York, it was 95 in Central Park. Boston reached 93, and Atlanta sweltered at 95.

With a disastrous 10-day power outage in Queens still fresh in memory, New York City adopted energy conservation measures. Thermostats in city offices were set at 78, up from the usual 72, and large municipal installations such as the Rikers Island jail used backup generators. LARRY MCSHANE (AP)

Probe: Border Agents Lax on Fake IDs

False documents get investigators through security checkpoints

WASHINGTON | Undercover investigators entered the United States using fake documents repeatedly this year — including some cases in which Homeland Security Department agents didn't ask for identification.

At nine border crossings on the Mexico and Canadian borders, agents "never questioned the



National Guard troops bury pipes along the U.S.-Mexico border last week.

authenticity of the counterfeit documents," according to Government Accountability Office testimony to

be released Wednesday.

The findings, to be presented to the Senate Finance Committee, come as Congress considers delaying a 2007 deadline requiring passports or a small number of previously approved tamperproof ID cards from all who enter the United States.

Homeland Security spokesman Jarrod Agen said that agents sometimes cannot verify more than 8,000 different kinds of acceptable IDs without significantly slowing border traffic. LARA JAKES JORDAN (AP)

Tropical Storm Chris Forms Off Caribbean Coast

MIAMI | Tropical Storm Chris, the third named storm of the 2006 Atlantic hurricane season, developed early Tuesday near the Leeward Islands, forecasters at the National Hurricane Center said.

A tropical storm warning was issued for Antigua, Barbuda, Anguilla, St. Kitts, Nevis, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Barthelémy and St. Martin. Chris was 135 miles east of Antigua on Tuesday. (AP)

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LIKE LASSIE, BUT A MOM: A California woman saved her 13-year-old son's life after acting on a hunch that the 4-foot-deep trench he was digging collapsed on him, officials said. Wendy Scott clawed through the sand to find her son, Dylan, who wasn't breathing. He was revived at a hospital.

Evolution Key Issue for Kan. Voters

Ideological balance of state's school board at stake in primary races

TOPEKA, KAN. | Kansas Board of Education members who approved new classroom standards that call evolution into question faced a counterattack at the polls Tuesday from Darwin's defenders.

Five of the 10 seats on the board were up for election in the primary, the latest skirmish in a seesawing battle between faith and science that has opened up Kansas to international ridicule.

Last November, the Board of Education's 6-4 conservative Republican majority rewrote testing standards for public schools to incorporate language supported by advocates of intelligent design, which holds that life is so complex it must have been created by some kind of higher power. The new standards say scientific evidence contradicts aspects of evolution.

On Tuesday, three members of



CHOICES: Voters in Wichita, Kan., fill out ballots during the primary election for Kansas offices, including governor and five seats on the state school board.

the majority faced GOP primary foes who support evolution. A fourth Republican conservative is retiring, and her seat was up for grabs.

The fifth seat was held by Janet Waugh, a Kansas City Democrat

who opposed the new standards. She faced a more conservative Democrat.

Eugenie Scott, director of the National Center for Science Education in Oakland, Calif., which

supports the teaching of evolution, said conservative victories would generate attempts to adopt Kansas' standards elsewhere.

"There are people around the country who would like to see the Kansas standards in their own states," she said.

Also Tuesday, Kansas Republicans chose a nominee from among seven candidates to challenge Democratic Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

The school board contest was part of a larger effort by the intelligent design movement to introduce its ideas in public schools.

A poll by six news organizations last year suggested about half of Kansans thought evolution should be taught alongside intelligent design.

Control of the school board has slipped into, out of and back into conservative Republicans' hands since 1998, resulting in anti-evolution standards in 1999, evolution-friendly ones in 2001 and anti-evolution ones again last year.

JOHN HANNA (AP)

General: National Guard Units Not Ready for Combat

WASHINGTON | More than two-thirds of the Army National Guard's 34 brigades are not combat-ready due largely to vast equipment shortfalls that will take as much as \$21 billion to correct, the top National Guard general said Tuesday.

The comments by Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum came in the wake of disclosures by Army officials, analysts and members of Congress that two-thirds of the active Army's brigades are not rated ready for war.

The problem, they say, is driven by budget constraints that won't allow the military to complete the personnel training and equipment repairs and replacement that must be done when units return home after deploying to Iraq or Afghanistan.

One Army official acknowledged Tuesday that while all of the active Army units serving in the war zone are "100 percent" ready, the situation is not the same for those at home. LOLITA C. BALDOR (AP)

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Creator of one of the world's most popular investment tools explains how almost any investor can follow the proven path to price gains in thousands of stocks

By Dean Jordan

Wizetrade® is a unique and powerful desktop tool that helps investors identify stocks with solid momentum. It may be the best thing to come out of Texas since oil.

George Thompson, the creator of Wizetrade®, is bringing his free Wizetrade® preview workshop to our area next week, and we took this opportunity to ask George what makes Wizetrade® and his free workshop so popular.

Q: George, you've been called "the investor's Thomas Edison." How did that start?

George: I think it's because Edison patented the ticker tape, making it possible for investors almost anywhere to follow stock prices without being on the exchange floor. It was liberating. A true turning point.

And now, Wizetrade® makes it possible to go beyond price information and pinpoint moneymaking trends as they're happening. Like the ticker tape, it's a revolutionary empowerment.

Q: Exactly how does Wizetrade® empower investors?

George: The golden rule to savvy investing is, "Buy low. Sell high." But of course, you can never know exactly when that is. So I tweaked the golden rule. To make money you must... *Buy when the price trend turns up. Sell when the price trend turns down.* And with Wizetrade®, you know when this turning point happens. In short, Wizetrade® helps you follow the new golden rule to making money in stocks.

Q: How does Wizetrade® identify a killer trend in the making?

George: By measuring the buying and selling pressure exerted on a stock as investors seek to either get in or out of a position.

Wizetrade® shows you the price trend as it forms, live in the market. When you follow the buying and selling pressure exerted on a stock, you can have a strategy to ride the surges and avoid the declines. And that's what successful investing is all about. It's how thousands of investors make money in the market.

Q: Can you give me an example?

George: Absolutely. Gildan Activewear was trading at \$13.82 when Wizetrade® turned green, and was still green at \$45.44 — giving investors a 228% gain.

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ing at \$15.98 when Wizetrade® turned green. It was still green at \$35.20 for a 120% return. I can give you examples until the ice caps melt.

Q: What do you mean by "Wizetrade® turned green"?

George: Wizetrade® is really easy to use. Your computer screen will have lights that represent time intervals like long-term and short-term. When the lights are green, buying pressure has set a stock's price in an uptrend for that time period. A red light means the stock is in a downtrend.

Q: Making money can be that simple?

George: Yes. One of our youngest Wizetraders®, Christian Powers, produced a 355% return in his portfolio when he was just 12 years old. He followed the Wizetrade® lights — and he produced greener returns than most mutual fund managers. Of course, children should have adult supervision.

Q: How much time does it take to use Wizetrade®?

George: Only a few minutes. You can literally turn a coffee break into dollars. Keep it simple. Keep it profitable. That's the objective of using Wizetrade®. At the free workshop, you'll see how easy it can be to use.

Q: At the workshop, will investors be able to see what Wizetrade® has to reveal about stocks they own?

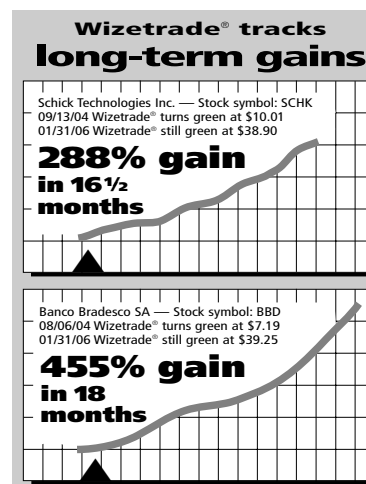
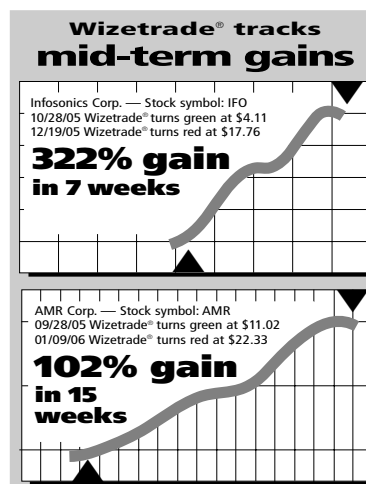
George: Absolutely. You'll see if the Wizetrade® lights are green or red. I've had countless people say, "George, your workshop saved my portfolio." They had no idea their stocks were locked in a downtrend with not enough buying pressure to reverse it.

Q: What else could the workshop reveal?

George: You may discover this year's breakout stock. In the 30 months following our mention of Immucor at a workshop, it rose 1,750%.

Q: How is it possible to make money in any market, up or down?

George: No matter what the general market is doing, some stocks will rise — and they'll rise faster than the market. **Wizetrade® helps you find stocks that are creating their own upward trend.** Wizetrade® is all about having a solid investment strategy — plus the tool to keep your strategy firmly in place.



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Q: What is the secret to great returns?

George: Follow the trend. It's truly the yellow brick road for investors.

Q: What makes a truly great stock?

George: A truly great trend. Knowing how powerful the price trend is... that's the secret to great investing. And Wizetrade® measures the strength of the trend.

Q: What about the fundamentals?

George: Fundamentals like P/E ratio — even solid buy recommendations from stock analysts — do not determine a stock's price. This information can trap investors into holding a stock as the price falls. The Wizetrade® lights turned red on Enron when insiders and stock analysts were still saying it was a "buy."

Q: George, why do you offer the free workshop?

George: People can see Wizetrade® work its magic live. Mention any stock you own or are even thinking of buying, and we'll run it through Wizetrade®. In about three seconds you'll know if it's a winner or a loser. Wizetrade® can help anybody who has a goal of making serious money in stocks, and the workshop lets you go for a test-drive.

Q: Who should attend the free workshop?

George: To start, baby boomers who need money to retire. And members of Generation X who missed the great Wall Street bull market of the 1990s.

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Heavy Rain Swamps Texas

Third day of storms batter El Paso area, prompt evacuations

EL PASO, TEXAS | A third day of heavy rain caused widespread flooding around El Paso on Tuesday, swamping mountainside homes, forcing evacuations and closing major roads.

Emergency crews juggled an onslaught of distress calls, but there were no immediate reports of any serious injuries.

Authorities said at least 60 people had been rescued, some standing on roofs, others atop cars.

Fire officials said they were worried about boulders and other debris falling from rocky cliffs around several El Paso neighborhoods.

The rain threatened to push the Rio Grande over its banks and more than doubled the normal speed of the river's current, authorities said.



SWAMPED: Texas State Trooper Robert Rosamond walks underneath a bridge in El Paso, Texas, as rain continued to flood streets on Tuesday for a third straight day.

The parched region had less than an inch of rain in the first six months of the year. But it may have gotten as much as 6 inches since Sunday, the National Weather Service said. Forecasters expect

the rain to continue through at least Wednesday morning.

Volunteer fire departments around the county helped residents sandbag their homes.

ALICIA C. CALDWELL (AP)

Senate OKs Broader Offshore Drilling Plan

Oil and gas production in Gulf eyed as fix for soaring energy prices

WASHINGTON | The Senate voted Tuesday to open 8.3 million acres of federal waters in the central Gulf of Mexico to oil and gas drilling, setting up a confrontation with the House, which wants even more drilling in waters now off-limits.

Supporters said the measure would be a major step toward producing more domestic energy and forcing down natural gas prices that have soared in recent years.

The Senate approved the measure by a vote of 71-25. It now must be reconciled with much broader drilling legislation passed by the House in June. Those negotiations are likely to begin in September.

"This bill will substantially reduce our reliance on foreign oil and gas. ... It brings more American



The Senate plan would open 8.3 million acres of waters to oil and gas drilling.

energy to American consumers," said Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Some critics of the legislation noted that it will be years before any oil or gas will be taken from the 8.3 million acres and that the legislation falls short of addressing many of the country's energy problems. H. JOSEF HEBERT (AP)

Woman Jailed In Housekeeper Slavery Case

CENTENNIAL, COLO. | A woman was sentenced to two months in jail Tuesday for effectively stealing the services of an Indonesian woman who prosecutors said was held as a virtual slave for four years.

Sarah Khonaizan, 35, a Saudi citizen who lives in suburban Denver, also was ordered on the theft charge to pay \$90,000 in restitution and was ordered not to have any contact with the 24-year-old woman.

Last week, a federal judge sentenced Khonaizan to five years' probation and ordered her to pay \$26,275 in restitution after pleading guilty to harboring an illegal immigrant.

Her attorney said she wants to return to Saudi Arabia.

Prosecutors and FBI agents accused Khonaizan and her husband, Homaidan Al-Turki, 37, of hiding the woman's passport and forcing her to care for the family for four years. (AP)

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Hezbollah Fighters Remain Resolute

Guerrillas say morale is high in face of brisk Israeli bombardment

KHIAM, LEBANON | In this battered village near the Israeli border, Hezbollah fighters are about the only people left. A handful of them were uneasy as they talked Tuesday but united in their message: Morale is high and Israel will lose.

One of the bearded fighters, a long scar running down his cheek, herded journalists into a house at one point in a conversation. He

apparently was trying to keep the reporters from seeing another fighter speeding past on a motor scooter, carrying a bulging sack of what appeared to be mortar rounds.

Few buildings remained standing in the village, which backs into a rocky hillside overlooking the lush agricultural Marjayoun valley. Israel is visible, depending on where you stand.

One of three guerrilla fighters gave his name as Hossam Abu Mohammed. He said he was 39.

As his two-way radio crackled with transmissions from fel-



Palestinians show their support for Hezbollah chief Sheik Hassan Nasrallah. (AP)

low fighters, Mohammed said the mission was "very simple. It is forbidden for Israel to enter Lebanese territory."

"The morale of the mujahedeen is very high," he said.

Hezbollah fighters have rarely been seen, let alone interviewed, since the fighting began July 12. Supporters of Hezbollah are often reluctant to speak to outsiders.

Khiyam is known for a notorious prison, where hundreds of Lebanese were allegedly held and tortured by Israel during Israel's 18-year occupation of southern Lebanon. (AP)

In Brief

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN Taliban Militants Ambush British Patrol, Killing 3

Suspected Taliban militants used rocket-propelled grenades to ambush a British patrol on Tuesday, killing three soldiers just one day after NATO took command of southern Afghanistan. The attack in Helmand province seriously wounded a fourth soldier and marked the deadliest single incident suffered by British forces since they deployed here in late 2001 to help topple the Taliban regime. (AP)

KINSHASA, CONGO Ex-Rebel Leader Alleges Massive Fraud in Key Vote

A former rebel leader-turned presidential candidate alleged massive fraud in Congo's historic elections, but pledged Tuesday that his protest would remain peaceful. Electoral officials could not immediately be reached for comment. Azarias Ruberwa, a former rebel leader who became vice president in Congo's transitional administration, alleged Rwandan Hutu militias in the east threatened to cut off some voters' ears if they didn't vote for President Joseph Kabila. (AP)

ANKARA, TURKEY Report: PM Suing Satirical Magazine Over Caricature

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is suing a leading satirical magazine for portraying him as a disease-bearing tick sucking the blood of a citizen, a news report said Tuesday. Erdogan is suing the magazine, Leman, seeking about \$16,000 in compensation for the insult, private NTV television reported. (AP)

Iran Swiftly Rejects U.N. Action

Ahmadinejad says Tehran will not give in to threat of sanctions

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran's hard-line president rejected a U.N. Security Council deadline for it to suspend uranium enrichment, saying Tuesday that Tehran would not be pressured into stopping its nuclear program.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told a crowd in northeastern Iran his country would not give in to the United Nations' threats.

"If some think they can still speak with threatening language to the Iranian nation, they must know that they are badly mistaken," he said in a speech.

"Throughout Iran, there is one slogan: 'The Iranian nation considers the peaceful use of nuclear fuel production technology its right,'" Ahmadinejad said.

The Security Council passed a resolution Monday calling for Iran to suspend uranium enrichment by Aug. 31 or face the threat of economic and diplomatic sanctions.

The U.S. has accused Iran of seeking nuclear weapons though Tehran maintains its program is aimed at generating electricity. (AP)



DANGER ZONE: A wounded Iraqi boy is carried away by his friends from the scene of a car bomb blast in Baghdad on Tuesday.

Violence in Iraq Kills More Than 70

Bombings targeting police, soldiers are among day's deadliest

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Bombings and shootings killed more than 70 people in Iraq on Tuesday in a surge of bloodshed as U.S. forces prepare to take back Baghdad's streets from gunmen. The dead included 20 Iraqi troops, a U.S. soldier and a British soldier.

The American soldier, who was assigned to the 1st Armored

Division, died "due to enemy action" in Anbar province west of Baghdad, the U.S. command said. In a separate statement, the military said a U.S. soldier from the 16th Corps Support Group died the day before in a roadside bombing south of the capital.

In further violence, officials confirmed that about 45 Shiite Muslims were kidnapped over the last two weeks on the main highway to Syria and Jordan. The highway passes through Sunni insurgent strongholds west of Baghdad.

The deadliest attack Tuesday occurred when a roadside bomb devastated a bus packed with Iraqi soldiers near Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad. All 24 people aboard were killed, Defense Ministry spokesman Mohammed al-Askari said. All but four of the dead were Iraqi soldiers, police said.

In Baghdad, 14 people died and 37 were wounded when a car bomb exploded at a bank where police and soldiers were picking up paychecks, police Lt. Col. Abbas Mohammed Salman said. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

HEARSAY | PROTESTS

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WE WANT CHUCK: A new bridge in Hungary may be named after actor Chuck Norris after the officials organized a Web vote on the structure's name, Reuters reports. Votes for the "Chuck Norris Bridge" are leading other entries, which include Bob Marley and Hungarian humorist Geza Hofi.

World

Castro Said to Be in Stable Health

In statement, Cuban leader says he's in 'fine' spirits after surgery

HAVANA | Fidel Castro said Tuesday that his health was stable after surgery, according to a statement read on state television, as the communist government tried to impose a sense of normalcy on the island's first day in 47 years without Castro in charge.

Castro, who temporarily handed power to his younger brother, Raul, on Monday night after undergoing intestinal surgery, indicated the surgery was serious when he said: "I cannot make up positive news."

But he said his health was "stable," and "as for my spirits, I feel perfectly fine," according to

the statement read by moderator Randy Alonso on a daily public affairs program.

Castro's comments came after Parliament Speaker Ricardo Alarcon dismissed suspicions among anti-Castro exiles that the Cuban leader was dead, and said the president's "final moment is still very far away."

Raul Castro, the island's acting president, was nowhere to be seen as Cubans began to wonder about what comes next.

"Everything's normal here — for the moment," said hospital worker Emilio Garcia, 41. "But we've never experienced this before — it's like a small test of how things could be without Fidel."

The main newscast on state-run TV gave no details of the



FAMILY MATTERS: Cuban leader Fidel Castro, left, seen here in 2000, and his brother Raul Castro, to whom he ceded power while he underwent intestinal surgery.

A Brotherly Hand Off

→ Fidel Castro's appointment of his brother, Raul, to take over temporarily as Cuba's president marks the beginning of a long-planned transition strategy. | **Today, AI**

IN The Washington Post

79-year-old leader's condition, but ran a string of man-on-the-street interviews with Cubans wishing him well. The anchor said Castro had the people's "unconditional support."

It was unknown when or where the surgery took place or where Castro was recovering.

Cubans were stunned when Castro's secretary read a letter on state television Monday night announcing their leader was temporarily turning over power to his brother, the island's defense minister and the president's designated successor. VANESSA ARRINGTON (AP)

In Miami, Cheers for Change in Cuba

Cuban-Americans feel joy, uncertainty amid Castro's health crisis

MIAMI | Joyous celebration in Miami over news that an ailing Fidel Castro had temporarily ceded power gave way Tuesday to rampant speculation among Cuban exiles: Is Castro already dead? What will happen in Cuba after he is gone? Could this just be a trick?

"Basically, we are seeing what the Cuban government is saying,

but we don't know if that is true," said Ninoska Perez of the Cuban Liberty Council, an anti-Castro exile group.

Talk radio stations devoted nearly all their airtime to the Castro story, and government leaders set up a hot line to keep rumors in check. But in a city where Castro has loomed large for more than a generation, many of Miami's 800,000 Cuban-Americans have long dreamed of the day his communist rule would come to an end.

Most Cuban-Americans view



Miami is home to a Cuban-American community some 800,000-strong.

Castro as a ruthless dictator who forced them, their parents or grandparents from their home after he seized power in a revolution in 1959.

Reports that Castro had temporarily ceded power to his brother, Raul, because of a serious intestinal ailment led a pot-banging, cigar-smoking, flag-waving crowd to take to the streets of Miami's Little Havana on Monday night.

The crowds were smaller Tuesday but no less fervent, with about 75 people gathered at midday outside the Versailles Cuban restaurant, waving Cuban flags and honking horns. ADRIAN SAINZ (AP)



- **Population:** 11.3 million
- **Government:** Communist state
- **Area:** Slightly smaller than Pennsylvania
- **Exports:** Sugar, nickel, tobacco, fish, medical products, coffee, citrus
- **Literacy:** Some 97% of those age 15 and over can read and write
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Money

Consumer Spending Tepid

New data show weak rise in spending for fourth straight month

WASHINGTON | Consumer spending was sluggish in June as Americans had to divert more cash to fill up their gas tanks, and a key inflation gauge rose at the fastest clip in more than a decade.

The Commerce Department reported that consumer spending, after adjusting for inflation, posted a weak 0.2 percent rise in June, marking the fourth straight month of 0.2 percent or less.

That raised concerns in financial markets that the Federal Reserve



High gas costs may be among the factors leading shoppers to spend less.

will push interest rates up for an 18th consecutive time when policy-makers meet next Thursday.

The weakness in consumer demand was a major factor in the

government's report last Friday that overall economic growth slowed to an annual rate of just 2.5 percent in the April-June quarter, far below the economy's 5.6 percent growth rate from January through March.

Savings as a percentage of after-tax incomes stood at negative 1.5 percent in June, which meant consumers were still dipping into past savings or borrowing to finance their spending.

In other economic news, a report on construction spending showed unexpected strength in July, rising by 0.3 percent to a record level, helped by big increases in spending on government, office and hotel projects. (AP)

BMW, Acura Top Targets of Thieves

DETROIT | Small cars that can be chopped into parts and sold for use by street racers dominated the list of the most-stolen autos in the U.S. last year, but high-priced cars and expensive sport utility vehicles also ranked high, according to a report released Tuesday.

Leading the way was the 2001 BMW M-Series Roadster, which was stolen at a rate of one for every 200 on the road, according

to Chicago-based CCC Information Services Inc., an industry group.

Six of the top 10 most-stolen cars were models of the Acura Integra, which has a powerful engine that easily can be swapped into a lighter Honda Civic, making it a quick street racer, said Jeanene O'Brien, who analyzes the data for CCC.

Such thefts are mainly in coastal states where illegal street racing is more popular, O'Brien said. (AP)

HOT WHEELS

Among the top 25 most stolen vehicles in the U.S. last year:

- ➔ 1. '01 BMW M-Series Roadster
- ➔ 2. '98 Acura Integra
- ➔ 3. '04 Mercury Marauder
- ➔ 4. '99 Acura Integra
- ➔ 5. '95 Acura Integra
- ➔ 6. '02 Audi S4
- ➔ 7. '96 Acura Integra
- ➔ 8. '97 Acura Integra (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ScottishRe	6.84	+2.85	+71.4
Cendant s	2.44	+ .45	+22.6
NuSkin	16.73	+2.43	+17.0
Adminstf	36.42	+4.81	+15.2
KV PhB	20.91	+1.93	+10.2

Losers

Group1	49.75	-11.57	-18.9
ArchCh	29.17	-6.27	-17.7
FTI Cnslt	22.50	-3.75	-14.3
EKodak	19.20	-3.05	-13.7
BurgerK n	13.24	-2.01	-13.2

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
LogicDev	2.17	+ .60	+38.2
PeopleSup	14.86	+2.83	+23.5
BluDolp	5.68	+1.06	+22.9
Sentigen	2.61	+ .45	+21.0
Iomai n	2.97	- .34	-10.3

Losers

Zeve x s	12.33	-4.39	-26.3
Cyberonic	15.89	-5.54	-25.9
Ikanos n	11.16	-2.69	-19.4
Powrwav	6.53	-1.41	-17.8
HotTopic	12.22	-2.48	-16.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.3125	5.25
3-month disc	4.99	5.01
2-year	4.95	5.12
10-year	4.98	5.08
30-year	5.06	5.12

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5331	.5354	.5649
Canadian Dollar	1.1306	1.1314	1.2105
European Euro	.7802	.7832	.8193
Japanese Yen	114.52	114.56	112.02
Mexican Peso	11.0290	10.9530	10.5800
Taiwanese Dollar	32.82	32.75	31.87

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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B n	26.83	-.60	+5.2
ClearChan	28.95	...	-7.9
Comcast	34.19	-.19	+31.9
Comc sp	34.08	-.20	+32.7
DirecTV	16.99	-.06	+20.3
Disney	29.35	-.34	+22.4
EchoStar	34.49	-.56	+26.9
McGrwH	56.42	+.12	+9.3
NewsCpA	19.23	-.01	+23.7
NewsCpB	20.01	-.11	+20.5
Omnico	87.80	-.71	+3.1
Thomson	39.83	+.40	+15.1
TimeWarn	16.25	-.25	-6.8
ViacomB n	34.44	-.41	-16.3
WPP Gp	59.49	+.41	+10.2



SILENT TREATMENT: Mayor Anthony Williams isn't saying much about alternatives to a hospital that had been planned with Howard University. A health care task force advised him to create three ambulatory care facilities instead of a new hospital.

Local



A visitor to the Capitol on Tuesday lays in the shade in Washington, where temperatures reached as high as 101 degrees, the National Weather Service reported.

Heat Setting Records For Area Power Usage

Utilities urging less day use of appliances to conserve electricity

WASHINGTON | The high temperatures and humidity levels have air conditioners running throughout the area, and that's led to an unofficial peak usage record for Pepco.

Company spokeswoman Debbie Jarvis said 68,058 megawatts of power were used during the hottest part of Tuesday by Pepco's 745,000 customers. That compares with the former record of 67,025 megawatts.

Jarvis said that with current weather conditions continuing through Wednesday, that record could fall.

Pepco and Dominion Virginia Power are urging customers to conserve power by postponing the use of stoves and ovens, clothes dryers and dishwashers until the cooler overnight hours. They're also suggesting that customers turn their thermostats up to about 78 degrees. (AP)

Power to the People: Electric companies aren't anticipating any disruptions in service | **Today's Post, Metro**

Fairfax Houses Too Large

County officials force some homeowners to adjust roofs or ground

FAIRFAX, VA. | Hundreds of Fairfax County homes have been built taller than allowed by law, and officials are forcing some people to lower the roofs or raise the ground around the foundations.

Monday's decision by the Board of Supervisors affects buyers of new

or renovated homes that exceed the county's 35-foot height limit. Houses can remain in violation if the owners are already living in them.

The violations stem from a difference of opinion between builders and the county on how to measure the height of a house.

For years, builders have averaged the heights of multiple roof lines, while the county says the midpoint of the highest roof line should have been measured.

Last week, county officials acknowledged they had issued valid permits for homes with roof lines that exceed the limit — sometimes by as much as 10 feet.

Board chairman Gerald E. Connolly attributed violations to a "misunderstanding" not motivated by malice. He said it would be unrealistic and unfair to force homeowners to tear down their roofs.

"We're taking a human approach," Connolly said. (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON Escalator-Limited Stations Sites of Water Giveaways

Metro distributed 21,000 bottles of water to customers Tuesday outside rail stations where escalator service was limited. The water was handed out at the Dupont Circle, Capitol South and Benning Road stations; Metro said it was easing inconvenience for passengers in the heat. (AP)

WASHINGTON National Weather Service Continuing Its Heat Warning

Hot temperatures and high humidity are expected to continue in the region through Thursday. The National Weather Service issued an excessive-heat warning as Tuesday afternoon temperatures approached the century mark. Meteorologists said the high humidity levels boosted the heat index to about 110 degrees during the afternoon, with the hottest conditions downtown. (AP)

WASHINGTON Redesigned Metro Cars Put Into Service During Testing

The first Metro cars with fewer seats and more standing room went into service Tuesday as the system works to ease crowding on rush-hour trains. Metro reconfigured a car, with a new arrangement of bench seating and fewer floor-to-ceiling poles, to open up more standing room. Rail car 3262 will be tested for two weeks on each of the Orange, Red and Green lines. Cameras will record passenger movements. (AP)

The Lotteries

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Evening Lucky Numbers	9-6-2
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Evening DC 4	1-8-3-3
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MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	8-9-2
Evening Pick 3	2-8-7
Mid-day Pick 4	1-2-3-4
Evening Pick 4	5-3-4-3
Match 5	4-5-17-21-24 (32)

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	6-0-4
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	8-0-4
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	1-3-4-9
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	9-0-2-2
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	12-18-19-21-34
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	3-5-6-15-26

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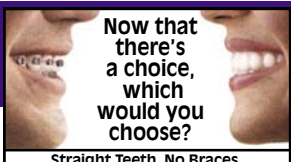
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AUTOMARKETINGBABBLE: Nissan this week launched a new ad campaign for its Versa, targeting those with "autoclaustrophobia," i.e., fear of too little space inside a car. To the shock of no one, the company is now trying to trademark the word.

Cars

Fun? Guilty on All Charges

The Tesla Roadster is a groundbreaking car ready to make history

ROAD TEST | When upstart auto company Tesla unveiled its all-electric Roadster last week, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger dropped in for a surprise visit.

The event — where Tesla was offering its first 100 "signature edition" cars for \$100,000 apiece — felt like automotive history.

The sleek carbon-bodied sports car is the first plausible electric automobile of the 21st century. And, without electrics, the 22nd century is going to be very rocky indeed.

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The Tesla is a toothsome sports car.



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It's eco-friendly, but it doesn't look like anything a hippie would decide to buy.

Perhaps most importantly, the Tesla offers something beyond virtue as a reward to its buyers: fun, in large, hair-raising voltages. The company claims 0 to 60 mph acceleration in four seconds and a top speed of 130 mph.

Big brakes, racy suspension, optional leather and navigation system, air conditioning, heated seats. There's even room for golf clubs. With the Tesla, the electric car seems poised to move past its groovy-granola beginnings. **DAN NEIL**

(LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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Automotive expert **PAT GOSS** owns Pat Goss Car World Inc., a local car-repair company. He chats monthly on washingtonpost.com/cars.

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Last week, a white vaporous smoke began blowing out my A/C vents. I had the A/C turned on, but not on max. When I switched the setting to max, the problem went away. When I switched the setting back to just On, the vapor came back. Can you please give me an idea of

what is going on here?

As long as it keeps cooling, don't worry. What you were seeing was ice crystals, which means your A/C system is too cold — often the result of a bad pressure switch. For extended jaunts at highway speed, the system may freeze up and blow warm air until it's shut off.

My A/C comes on nice and cold but only lasts for a short while. Then it starts blowing warm, humid air. After being shut off for a while, it will sometimes come back on for a bit. Do you have any ideas?

Perform a systems test and check the pressure switches.

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POINT OF NO RETURN: Andy Roddick, the Legg Mason defending champion, withdrew from the tournament Monday because of a strained back that has been bothering him. Roddick said he expected to be at full strength for the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 28.



Sports

Flexibility Is Key for Redskins' End

Free-agent addition Andre Carter should bolster the pass rush

REDSKINS | For someone paid to be an unrelenting, quarterback-crunching force, Andre Carter sure sounds like someone who goes with the flow.

When he was 7 and wanted to play Pop Warner football, his father — a former NFL player — didn't think it was a good idea, so Andre moved on to basketball.

When he was in high school and realized the NBA wasn't in his future, Carter devoted himself to football.

When the NFL team that drafted him No. 7 overall in 2001, the San Francisco 49ers, shifted him from defensive end to linebacker last season, Carter complied.

That flexibility figures to suit Carter well with his new team, the Washington Redskins, who like to move things around plenty on defense. For all the headline-grabbing offseason additions to the offense, it's the D that might again be key to Washington's success, particularly if free-agent



Flexible defensive end Andre Carter works out during the Redskins second day of training camp Tuesday. The Redskins are counting on Carter to bolster the pass rush.

additions Carter and safety Adam Archuleta pan out.

"I told them ... 'I'm confident in my ability to drop, to play man-on-man on the tight end — anything you need me to do, I'll do,'" said Carter, who had a career-high 12 ½ sacks in 2002, but had back surgery in 2004 and totaled 6 ½ sacks the last two seasons.

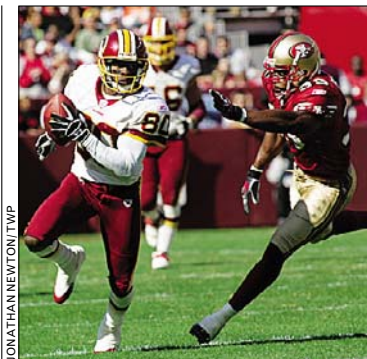
Scorching Sun Bath

→ The Redskins must deal with temperatures in the 100's when their 4 p.m. practices begin. To help, the team has some unique ways to combat the heat. | **Sports**

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What the Redskins want, of course, is for Carter to boost the pass rush: Washington totaled 35 sacks last season, tied for 20th in the 32-team league. Phillip Daniels led the way with eight sacks, but six of those came in the last three games.

"Me and Phil can work real well, because Phil's more of a powerful guy, and I'm more of a speed guy. He's the type of guy that will flush that quarterback out — and I'm the type of guy that will hopefully get the sack," Carter said, laughing. (AP)



David Patten, left, will miss the first week of Redskins training camp.

Patten Out With Viral Infection

After trip to hospital, receiver will miss the first week of camp

REDSKINS | Washington Redskins wideout David Patten missed the first two days of training camp because he's been hospitalized with a viral infection.

Patten arrived for camp feeling sick, and he checked into the hospital Monday, when camp opened.

"He's in probably until Thursday, then it will take him a few more days to recover, so we'll just take it as it comes when he gets out," trainer Bubba Tyer said. "We'll give him plenty of time to get his strength back."

Patten had strong headaches and a fever and was diagnosed with viral meningitis, an inflammation of the lining of the brain.

The receiver joined the Redskins before last season on a \$13 million, five-year contract as a free agent from the New England Patriots.

In other Redskins injury news, linebacker Spencer Havner (an undrafted free agent) had blurred vision from getting poked in the eye, and tight end Calen Powell was listed as day-to-day with a strained quadriceps muscle.

Running back Clinton Portis had his right ankle bandaged for Tuesday's afternoon practice after he was kicked there in the morning session. Both he and Tyer said it wasn't a concern. (AP)

Words From the Old and Wise Agassi

Preparing for Legg Mason, tennis star has advice for the young

TENNIS | Once a young and flashy teenager who eventually became the face of American tennis and one of the greatest champions of his era, Andre Agassi now finds himself playing the role of mentor.

Agassi, making his 17th appearance in the Legg Mason Classic at the William H.G. Fitzgerald Tennis Center this week, plans to end his 20-year career after the U.S. Open, which begins on Aug. 28. Before he retires, Agassi had some advice for younger players such as Andy Roddick and James Blake.

"Find a way to get more out of yourself, find a way to improve," Agassi said. "And keep pushing



Andre Agassi is planning to retire after the U.S. Open, which starts Aug. 28.

your standard and hope that separates you from the rest."

Agassi believes it is becoming more difficult to remain at the top of the sport as it grows internation-

ally. He said that only adds to the pressure faced by Roddick, who will turn 24 during the U.S. Open, and the 26-year-old Blake.

"It's a competitive environment out there," Agassi said. "It's an international sport with a lot of great players who pour a lot of themselves into what they do, and my advice to each of them always has pretty much been to just to keep your head down and only think about getting better regardless of where you're ranked, regardless of what you're going through."

Agassi, a five-time winner here, will open with a second-round match on Wednesday against Italian qualifier Andrea Stoppini. (AP)

Late Match: The Legg Mason Tennis Classic ended after Express' deadline. Results | **Today's Post, Sports**

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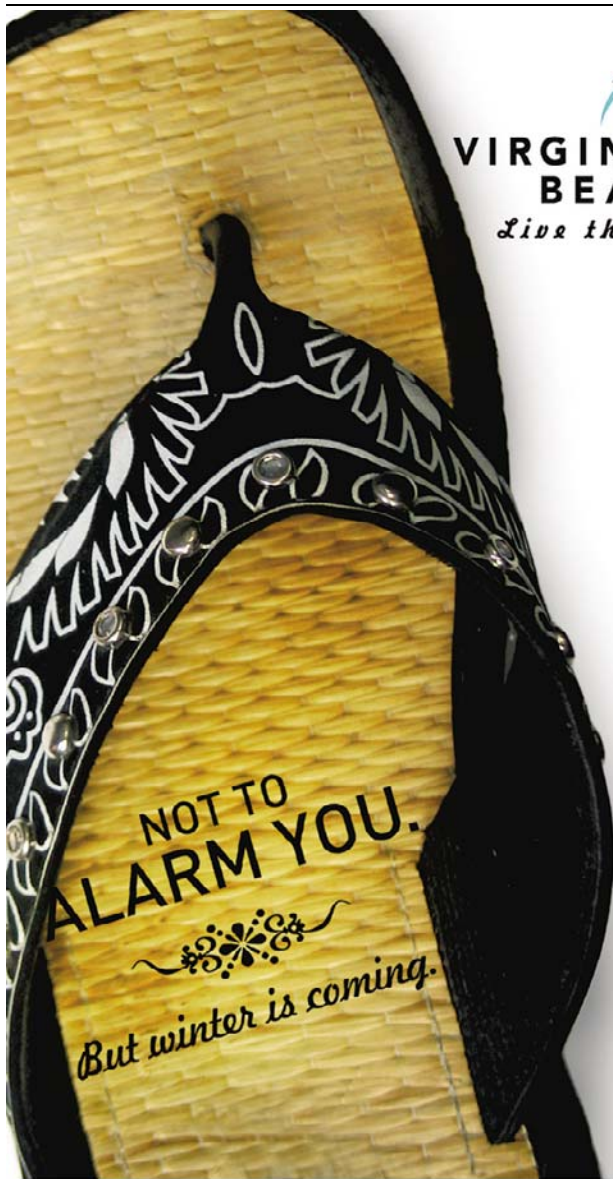
NATIONALS | The Mid-Atlantic Sports Network is now a 24-hour operation.

MASN, as it's known, had been dark when it wasn't broadcasting Washington Nationals games. But as of this week, it's now on around the clock, and the channel will be adding Baltimore Orioles, Baltimore Ravens and college sports coverage.

In 2007, MASN will air 300 live major league baseball games, split evenly between the Nationals and Orioles — who have joint ownership of the channel. It also will have pre- and post-game shows, as well as other programs about those clubs.

It will also show dozens of college football and basketball games. (AP)

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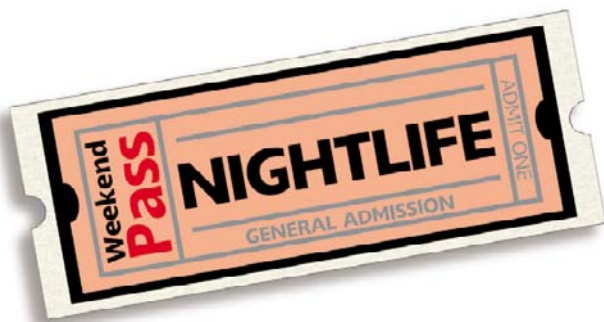
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Sports



“Off the Field

NATIONALS OUTFIELDER AUSTIN KEARNS

Q&A | Austin Kearns is a long-term investment. The Nationals traded quality middle relievers Gary Majewski and Bill Bray to bring in Kearns and shortstop Felipe Lopez — two players entering their prime — in hopes of winning down the road. Of course, the Nats won't turn down any quick dividends.

The former Cincinnati outfielder hit .294 in his first 15 games in D.C. while amassing seven RBIs and a .422 on-base percentage. Kearns figures to be Washington's right fielder of the future, as the injured Jose Guillen's contract expires at year's end.

What's it like going from the thick



Austin Kearns spent his entire career with the Reds before being traded to D.C. He said the transition was initially tough, but added that he's comfortable now.

“The focus on winning when you haven't won a lot is life or death sometimes. It can be a panic.”

of a pennant race to a team that's basically out of it?

It's a little different. My first few games were more of a transition, but now I'm pretty comfortable here. The focus on winning when you haven't won a lot is life or death sometimes. It can be a panic. But it's more relaxed here. This team is going to win.

What was the most difficult part of that transition?

I think the biggest thing was that I've been in one place my whole career. Off-the-field stuff: find-

ing a new place to live and getting your family moved — that kind of stuff.

What are the differences between playing at the Great American Ball Park and then moving to RFK?

I don't think you can walk up there and have that on your mind. It's a big outfield and there's a lot of holes in [RFK's] outfield. You're still going to get your hits. But, obviously, it's not a park like Cincinnati, where you can hit a pop up and it will carry out. I still consider it to be a good place to hit because the outfield is so big. Outfielders can't cover all that ground out there.

What do you like to do when you want to get away from the game?

I've got a baby boy now, so that's taking up most of my time. He keeps me and my wife and all of my family busy enough. But when I can, I do some fishing and I golf a little bit. ERIC BRANDNER

Kobe vs. Shaq Returns As Christmas Special

Wizards start season with playoff rematch against the Cavaliers

BASKETBALL | Former feuding teammates Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant will spend another Christmas together, one of the highlights of the 2006-07 NBA schedule released by the league on Tuesday.

They will meet on Dec. 25 for the third straight season, as the NBA champion Miami Heat host the Los Angeles Lakers in the lone game on the holiday.

The season opens on Oct. 31 with two games, both rematches of thrilling first-round series from last season's playoffs: Chicago at Miami and Phoenix at Los Angeles.

The Chicago Bulls — who will debut new big man Ben Wallace that night — pushed the Heat to six games in their matchup.

Wallace returns to Detroit for the first time on Feb. 25.

The first full day of games comes



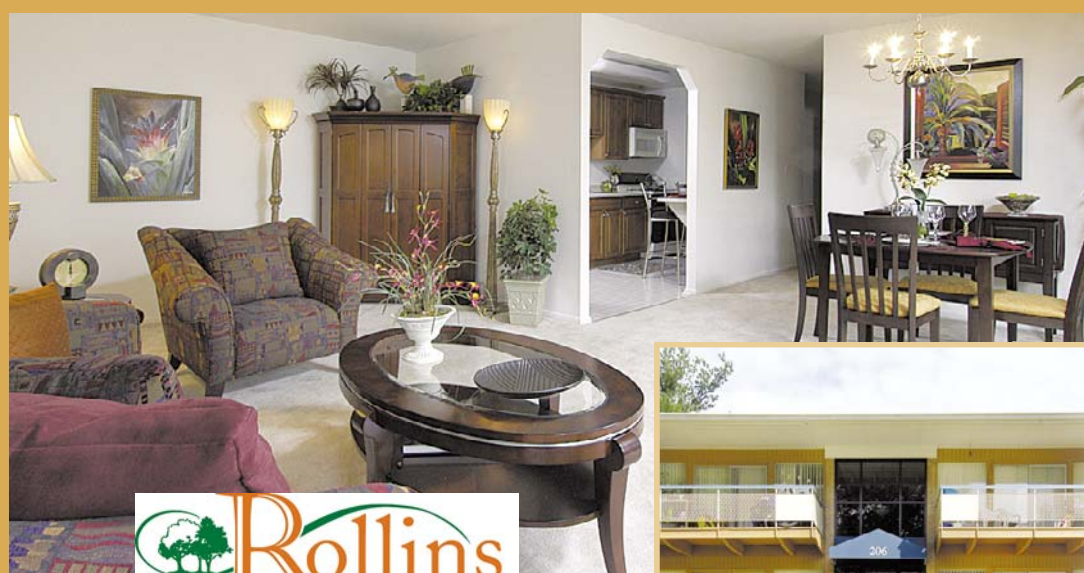
Former teammates Kobe Bryant, left, and Shaquille O'Neal will face off on Dec. 25.

on Nov. 1 and will feature the Los Angeles Clippers at Phoenix.

The Wizards also open their season with a nationally televised game on Nov. 1 against LeBron James and the Cavaliers, a rematch of last year's first-round playoff matchup.

The home opener is Nov. 4 against the Boston Celtics. (AP)

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Landis Readies for Verdict

Result from American cyclist's 2nd test should be released Saturday

CYCLING | Tour de France champion Floyd Landis, whose initial doping tests turned up positive, gets another chance to clear his name when a second set is expected to be released on Saturday.

However, the 30-year-old cyclist and his lawyer have previously acknowledged that they expect the "B" sample to show the same elevated ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone found in the "A" sample last week.

Michael Henson, a spokesman for the cyclist, confirmed Tuesday that a urine test on Landis after the tour's 17th stage turned up an 11:1 ratio — far above the 4:1 limit allowed. A 1:1 ratio is average.

The "A" sample was provided July 20 by the cyclist after he zoomed his way back into contention by winning a tough Alpine leg with an epic



Floyd Landis has continued to stand by his claim that he has never cheated.

ride that will long be remembered by race fans.

Landis has insisted that his body's natural metabolism — not doping — caused the elevated result, and said he would undergo further tests to prove it.

But a New York Times report

cast doubt on that defense. The newspaper cited a source from the UCI, cycling's international federation, saying that a second analysis of the "A" sample, called a carbon isotope ratio test, had detected synthetic testosterone in Landis' system. The newspaper said the person at UCI had knowledge of the result.

The "B" sample, collected from Landis at the same time as the "A" sample, will be unsealed in the presence of Landis' lawyer and tested at the same Chatenay-Malabry lab near Paris.

If it comes back negative, the cyclist would be cleared.

If the tests confirm the "A" sample results, Landis could become the first winner of cycling's premiere race to lose the yellow jersey in a doping case. Should that occur, Tour runner-up Oscar Pereiro of Spain would be declared the winner.

Landis has already been suspended by his Phonak racing team pending the final results and could be fired. He could also face a two-year ban from racing. JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

WOMEN'S GOLF | WIE'RE NOT READY



TAKE A SEAT: Golf phenomenon Michelle Wie, 16, laughs after pulling her hat over her eyes while waiting to hit a shot during a practice round before the start of the women's British Open at Royal Lytham, where it's much colder than it was where she played last week in France. "It was 30 degrees colder and 10 times windier than last week," Wie said.

"Everyone wants to know, so I'm not going to tell you." — **NBA star Yao Ming**, when asked about his deepening relationship with longtime girlfriend, Ye Li.



Sports

Aikman: Unselfish Cowboy

Dallas quarterback is a Hall of Famer because he knew how to win

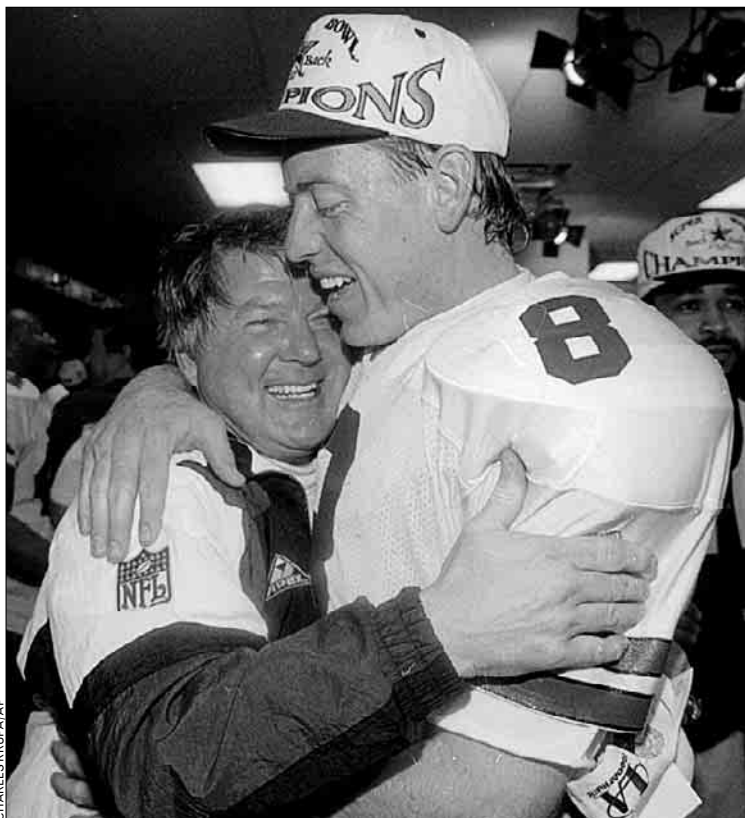
FOOTBALL | Coming out of high school, Troy Aikman wasn't sure he was good enough to be a college quarterback. He did know he wanted to win a national championship, so he headed to Oklahoma with a backup plan.

"If I can't do it at quarterback, at least I could do it at another position, whether that was playing safety or tight end or whatever it may be," Aikman said.

Soon after arriving on campus, Aikman overcame his doubts. He ended up leaving the run-oriented Sooners to develop as a passer at UCLA — and eventually blossomed into one of the best quarterbacks in pro football history.

Aikman's status will be cemented Saturday when he is inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. All sorts of accomplishments and accolades will be mentioned, but that anecdote about his mind-set when he headed to the University of Oklahoma is worth remembering, because that same team-first attitude was such a defining part of his 12 years with the Dallas Cowboys.

"I feel Troy is one of the best things to ever happen to the Cowboys," said Roger Staubach, who heard the same thing said about himself after leading Dallas to two



Troy Aikman, right, was the epitome of an unselfish quarterback during his time with the Cowboys. He built his Hall of Fame legacy around winning, not around stats.

Super Bowl titles in the 1970s. "He probably threw the football as well as anyone ever in the NFL. He always produced when the guys needed him the most. He's a winner."

Blessed with a tremendous arm, Aikman showed it off only as much as necessary. Instead of eye-popping statistics, his legacy is built on leadership and winning, from three Super Bowl titles

in four years — the first team to do that — to 90 victories in the 1990s, the most by any quarterback in any decade.

"Troy was very confident in his ability," said Jimmy Johnson, whose first big move in the NFL was making Aikman the No. 1 pick of the 1989 draft. "That carried over to the rest of the players."

JAIME ARON (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (3:30 P.M. ON MASN) The Nats have been largely successful in shutting down Barry Bonds, and, in turn, winning some ball games against the Giants. They go for one more win this afternoon.

ORIOLES (3 P.M. ON COMCAST) Orioles starter Erik Bedard is on fire of late. The lefty has won seven straight starts, giving up fewer than two runs in each. He gets the start when the Orioles wrap up a series against the Mariners.

BASEBALL (8 P.M. ON ESPN AND 8 P.M. ON WGN) Philadelphia is at St. Louis and the Diamondbacks travel to Wrigley to play the Cubs.

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N.Y. Yankees	61	41	.598	1	33-19	28-22
Toronto	57	48	.543	6.5	35-21	22-27
Baltimore	48	59	.449	16.5	28-28	20-31
Tampa Bay	44	62	.415	20	26-23	18-39

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Detroit	70	35	.667	—	33-17	37-18
Chicago	62	42	.596	7.5	34-19	28-23
Minnesota	61	43	.587	8.5	39-13	22-30
Cleveland	45	59	.433	24.5	26-29	19-30
Kansas City	37	68	.352	33	22-28	15-40

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Oakland	56	50	.528	—	28-25	28-25
L.A. Angels	54	51	.514	1.5	24-25	30-26
Seattle	52	53	.495	3.5	28-26	24-27
Texas	52	54	.491	4	26-30	26-24

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EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
N.Y. Mets	63	41	.606	—	30-21	33-20
Philadelphia	49	55	.471	14	27-31	22-24
Florida	49	56	.467	14.5	25-24	24-32
Atlanta	48	56	.462	15	22-28	26-28
Washington	47	59	.443	17	26-24	21-35

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
St. Louis	58	46	.558	—	31-19	27-27
Cincinnati	55	50	.524	3.5	27-25	28-25
Milwaukee	50	56	.472	9	32-23	18-33
Houston	49	56	.467	9.5	30-26	19-30
Chicago	43	62	.410	15.5	21-29	22-33
Pittsburgh	40	66	.377	19	27-26	13-40

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
San Diego	55	50	.524	—	25-28	30-22
Arizona	54	51	.514	1	26-26	28-25
Colorado	51	54	.486	4	27-25	24-29
San Fran.	51	55	.481	4.5	29-25	22-30
L.A. Dodgers	50	55	.476	5	31-24	19-31

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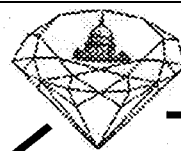
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Entertainment



JOKER'S WILD: Of course there will be another Batman movie, and the casting is already becoming notably upscale. Oscar nominee Heath Ledger has been (mis)cast as the Joker. Christian Bale will return to play the man superhero with the leathery wings.



'FLIGHT' MAKES RIGHT: A boy and his morphing monster flee from hunters in Phil Craven's wordless comic "The Rescue."

Not So Serious

'Flight Volume 3' returns comics to whimsical worlds

COMIC BOOKS | As comic books dive ever deeper into serious and dramatic situations, with infinite books about crises and wars (and even journals from war-torn regions), "Flight," now in its third volume, comes soaring to the res-

cue with whimsical tales of boys and their monsters, journeys to the world's edge and precocious young seals.

"Flight Volume 3" is a collection of 26 beautifully crafted stories by artists who generally have yet to make a name in the comic world. Some are animators, some are behind Web comics and some are just starting out. But they all have one thing in common: a talent for producing lus-

cious art and deep, rich colors that explode off the page.

Editor and contributor Kazu Kibuishi's stunning cover of a fantastical building constructed from a swirling tree trunk is representative of the aesthetic that inhabits the book's interior. Rad Sechrist's gorgeous "Beneath the Leaves" looks like a tribute to Don Bluth's animated movies. The wonderfully tragic anthropomorphic story tells

the story of a heroic crew of travelers who find themselves in Lemming City, dealing with a society that is destined to take a leap and the one lemming that doesn't.

Monsters of all shapes take center stage in many of the stories: Kean Soo's "Jellaby: The Tea Party" shows some children teaching a purple dragon manners at a tea party; Phil Craven puts you alongside a little boy and a morphing monster as they're chased by hunters in his silent story, "The Rescue;" and Joey Weiser's "The Lumbering Beast" shows you that you can take the giant hairy beast out of the cave, but you can't take the cave out of the giant hairy beast.

Part of the magic of "Flight" is that Kibuishi typically doesn't choose creators who are mainstays in the comic book world; he instead reaches out to animators, storyboard artists and illustrators who have not previously appeared in print. There are a couple of established artists in the book — animator Bill Plympton, for one — but on the whole, these unknown quantities have produced some of the finest-looking work on the market.

Thanks to Kibuishi, these artists won't be unknown for long. Following in the footsteps of other independent comic creators, Kibuishi has taken the series to a major book publisher.

This leap from Image Comics to Ballantine has done nothing to detract from the work; if anything, it should bring "Flight" the wider audience it surely deserves.

SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)



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HARRY POTTER

'Fire' on a Hot Night

Stop being a prisoner to your air-conditioned house or office and venture outside tonight (when the heat is manageable) for another free movie under the stars. This week's offering is family-favorite "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." Arrive early to snag one of 200 seats or spread out with a lawn chair on the street outside Guapo's.

→ *Guapo's - Shirlington, 4038 28th St. South, Shirlington: 8:45 p.m., free; 703-413-6691.*

THE PETE BEST BAND

Keeping the Beatles

Pete Best, the Beatles original drummer, brings a nostalgic "Best of the Beatles" show to Jammin' Java tonight. Best pays tribute to the early tunes that never made it big — i.e., the ones he played.

→ *Jammin' Java, 231 Maple Ave., Vienna: 8 p.m., \$25; 703-255-1566.*

SMART TALK

Intelligence by Design

Dr. Robert B. Caldini and historian Dr. Thomas Boghardt present "Propaganda and Persuasion: Psychology's Use in Intelligence," in a lecture that provides an overview of the psychological research on persuasion, propaganda and social control, explaining how governments and individuals use these tactics to sway the opinions of others and get what they want.

→ *International Spy Museum, 800 F St. NW; 6:30 p.m., \$12; 202-393-7798. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

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Scritti Politti Wizard Returns

CD proves it's time to consider Gartside a major artistic force

MUSIC | It's not Green Gartside's lengthy disappearing acts that make him one of the most intriguing characters in music — it's the songs he returns with from each sabbatical.

His last Scritti Politti outing, 2000's "Anomie & Bonhomie," used heavy hitters such as Me'shell

Ndgeocello and Mos Def to pursue a stunning fusion of hip-hop and alternative pop, but "White Bread, Black Beer" (Nonesuch) — recorded solo at home — finally proves that the genius behind Scritti hits such as 1985's "Perfect Way" resides almost entirely with Gartside.

It begins with that familiar voice, still angelic at 50 and often presented in layers of whipped-cream harmony. Indulgences that would sink a lesser artist (detours into English folk and techno) are peripheral to



Gartside has made experimental, yet catchy, music since the dawn of Politti.

Gartside's other defining characteristic: an urge toward pop perfection. His songs may meander or mutate, yet the hooks and melodies are as immediate and polished as they were in Scritti's MTV heyday.

The critic who compared Gartside to Brian Wilson was not wrong: This is the work of a major artist, one who at times doesn't seem to acknowledge his own importance. Don't make the same mistake. DAN LEROY (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

PITHY HEADLINE: Missouri, known as own as the Show Me State, is cracking down on the Show Me State, is cracking down on. Gov. Bob Holden on Thursday signed ri, known as the Show State, is on . Gov. sexual mile of 40-45WORDS. (AP)



Entertainment

A Pointed 'Vendetta'

A classy comic-book movie comes to DVD with scanty extras

DVD | "V for Vendetta" fell through the comic-book-movie cracks. Released in theaters last March, the film earned a respectable though hardly earth-shattering \$70.5 million.

Now this tale of futuristic anarchy in the U.K. has a chance to redeem itself on DVD. Based on the 1980s series of graphic novels by Alan Moore and David Lloyd, "V for Vendetta" merits attention for a number of reasons, including a grounded star turn by Natalie Portman and the darkly elegant

cinematography of the late Adrian Biddle.

But the biggest is its intelligent, thought-provoking and timely look at what turns someone into a terrorist. Is V, the masked protagonist of the film's title, a revolutionary hero? Or is he an immoral murderer? The answers don't come easy, and that makes watching "V for Vendetta" both a visceral and intellectual pleasure.

The pleasures of the just-released special-edition DVD, on the other hand, start to fizzle when the extra features roll. The two discs in this special edition offer four standard making-of featurettes and not much else, missing some unforgivable opportunities to comment



WHO IS THAT MASKED MAN? The special-edition DVD of "V for Vendetta" does not discuss backstage machinations or the real-world events that affected the film.

WARNER BROS. PICTURES

on the movie's occasionally rocky road to the silver screen.

The postponement of the film's release date in the wake of last year's London subway bombings is never mentioned, nor is the fact that James Purefoy, the actor originally slated to play V, backed out of the production and was replaced by Hugo Weaving. And if you think the notoriously reclusive Wachowski brothers — "V's" writers and producers, as well as the men behind the "Matrix" trilogy — "unmask" for an on-camera interview, think again.

Warner Bros. deserves some credit for including a delicious Easter egg featuring Portman, but otherwise, the extras are a dud. Many fans may wisely opt to save some cash by buying the cheaper, single-disc version. It doesn't have any bonus features, but it does contain the movie. And ultimately, that's the only thing that matters.

JEN CHANEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Entertainment

GROSS: Eddie Van Halen will provide two songs to be used in the upcoming porno "Sacred Sin," Spin.com reported. Director Michael Ninn "is like Spielberg to me," Van Halen said. Ninn will also be making videos for the Van Halen tunes.



Historical Records

Powerful images from the U.S., Mexico and the former USSR

BOOKS | People familiar with Magnum Photos usually associate the nearly 60-year-old cooperative with its derring-do war photographers.

But a series of new photography books by three Magnum shooters underscores that the famed agency documents more than war.

The stunning photographs by the 28-year-old Jonas Bendiksen in "Satellites" are riddled with conflict and despair. Bendiksen spent seven years examining the margins of the defunct Soviet Union, traveling to

Transdniester, Abkhazia, Nagorno-Karabakh, the Ferghana Valley, the Jewish Autonomous Region and an area near the Kazakh Steppe, where a junkyard of space debris exists and cows die after eating toxic grass.

In one frame, pictures of Lenin and Marx hang next to the bar as a man drinks by himself. In another, a stripper entertains an audience of men and women. Both shots are suffused with natural colors and intense red, creating an almost psychedelic light.

In "Mexico," Martin Parr, who is British, uses his camera to educate, too. But this isn't a history lesson. It's one about globalism. He turns his lens on our southern neighbor to flush out American culture that



WASTE: Dead cows near a space-debris site between Russia and Kazakhstan.

has seeped into everyday life.

In portraits, he presents Mexicans wearing hats with the names of National Football League teams; a Spider-Man trinket kneeling next to a statue of Jesus; and Tabasco standing tall among Mexican hot sauces.

In "In the Wake of Katrina," Larry Towell set out to record the storm's aftermath. He captures broken and washed-out roads, leveled houses, snapped trees and ubiquitous rubble in black and white. Some of Towell's most powerful images are of people. In Biloxi, Miss., two melancholy girls gaze at the destruction around them; outside a Biloxi church, residents pray with joyful expressions despite the hurricane.

The pictures remind us, the book says, that "photographic records matter" and are a "part of the historical record."

That truth can be said for all three of these excellent books.

ADAM GOLDMAN (AP)

Television Escapes From L.A.

Two fall series are shooting in Texas, not in Tinseltown

KEEPING IT REAL | If this fall's TV season looks fresher than usual, one reason is that the networks are getting out of the studio and away from the familiar landscape of Los Angeles.

Two series are shooting in Texas. NBC's "Friday Night Lights" bases itself in Austin to capture how high school football dominates life in that state's small towns. "It just felt like it would be bogus to film in Santa Clarita," producer Peter Berg said at a TV critics' press tour, referring to a frequent desert location near L.A. "Or, God forbid, go up to Canada and have a bunch of Canadians running around talking in Southern accents."

Berg, who spent a year in Texas preparing the feature film on which



Producer Peter Berg hopes to capture the truth of Texas high school football.

the series is based, plans to shoot high school football games and cut the footage into his continuing character study.

"For the big production value, for the 30,000 fans, for the marching band, for the cheerleaders, we're using real schools," Berg said. "It will bring more truth to it."

The Fox favorite "Prison Break" works out of Dallas for its second, post-escape season. "When they're on the run, you have to have access to Anywhere USA," said producer Matt Olmstead. **DIANE WERTS (AP)**

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<p>BOWIE STADIUM 14 15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) ★ Adv. Tix on Sale DCI QUARTERFINALS (NR) ★ Adv. Tix on Sale WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG-13) ★ Adv. Tix on Sale SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ THE ANT BULLY (PG) DIG (1140 1205 150 215 400 430) 640 700 850 915</p> <p>JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG-13) DIG (130 420) 710 935 MIAMI VICE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 120 330 440) 700 800 1030 CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 430) 735 1005 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (120 420) 715 930 LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (1140 215 445) 730 1000 MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (125 355) 725 LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1250 350) 650 950 YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (115 345) 645 915 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1215 330) 615 1030 THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 750 1030 SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 650 930 DOOGAL (G) DIG (100) 800 ROBOTS (G) DIG (1000) 1000</p>	<p>ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13 Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248# Free Theatre Parking - Monroe Street Garage Weeknights after 6 PM - all day Saturday/Sunday</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) ★ Adv. Tix on Sale WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG-13) ★ Adv. Tix on Sale SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ MIAMI VICE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 440) 750 1100 SCOOP (PG-13) DIG (1230 255 520) 745 1010 THE ANT BULLY (PG) DIG (1220 235 455) 720 935 JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG-13) DIG (1225 245 500) 730 945 CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 300 510) 740 1000 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (1205 220 445) 700 915 LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (200 450) 725 955 MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1200 215 430) 655 915 LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1240 305 525) 755 1020 YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (1200 225 505) 735 1005 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1235 355) 715 1035 THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (1210 240 515) 805 1040 SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG 705 1025 CARS (G) DIG (125 415)</p>	<p>UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 345 9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) ★ Adv. Tix on Sale WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG-13) ★ Adv. Tix on Sale SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ Adv. Tix on Sale DCI QUARTERFINALS (NR) ★ SCOOP (PG-13) DIG (1115 145 430) 730 950 THE ANT BULLY (PG) DIG (1100 130 400) 715 940 JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG-13) DIG (1145 215 445) 745 1000 MIAMI VICE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 345) 715 1030 CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 350) 745 1020 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (1145 230 500) 815 1030 LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (1100 145 430) 730 930 1015 MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1130 215 500) 800 1020 OC: LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1115 415) 950 LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1245 415) 645 930 YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (1200 400) 700 800 1015 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1230 345) 630 940 SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG (1200 330) 645 CARS (G) DIG (1230 330)</p>
<p>BETHESDA 10 7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) ★ Adv. Tix on Sale SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ THE ANT BULLY (PG) DIG (1215 230 445) 730 950 JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG-13) DIG (1145 240 415) 745 1010 MIAMI VICE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 340) 720 1020 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (1155 210 425) 750 1015 LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (1240 350) 740 1020 MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1205 220 435) 710 925 YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (400) 1220 700 945 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1235 355) 725 955 THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (1235 355) 725 955 SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG 645 1000 CARS (G) DIG (1210 330)</p>	<p>MANASSAS STADIUM 14 11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) ★ Adv. Tix on Sale WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG-13) ★ Adv. Tix on Sale SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ THE ANT BULLY (PG) DIG (1125 1200 150 230 410 505) 650 730 MIAMI VICE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1150 1230 300 340) 640 725 940 JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG-13) DIG (1145 220 440) 745 1030 CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 355 425) 805 1020 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (100 350) 735 1010 LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (1145 230 500) 815 1030 MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1135 1220 210 240 430 500) 650 720 940 LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1240 355) 715 945 YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (1230 355) 715 945 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1210 330) 700 925 1015 THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (205 445) 755 1025 SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG 915 CARS (G) DIG (1115)</p>	<p>Times For 8/2/06 Daily Bargain Matinees In ()</p> <p>OC= Open Captioned DA= Descriptive Audio Available</p> <p>* Pass / Discount Ticket Restrictions Apply</p> <p>©2006</p>



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MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:45, 8:45, 10:45
CLERKS II (R) 11:40, 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 4:15, 5:20, 6:50, 8:05, 9:25, 10:40
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LITTLE MAN (PG13) 11:05, 12:20, 1:35, 3:00, 4:05, 5:35, 8:15, 9:15, 10:40
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 11:35, 12:35, 1:55, 2:55, 3:55, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:35, 9:35, 10:35
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 11:20, 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 11:15, 2:45, 6:25, 9:45
CLICK (PG13) 6:30, 10:20
CARS (G) 11:10, 2:10, 5:05



A SCANNER DARKLY (R) 11:55, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05
SCOOP (PG13) ✓ 11:00, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

THE ANT BULLY (PG) ✓ 12:40, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10
MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
CLERKS II (R) 1:30, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00
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LITTLE MAN (PG13) 1:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:50, 3:40, 7:00, 10:10
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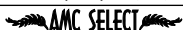
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LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441

DIGITAL 3D

MONSTER HOUSE (PG) 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:35
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50
MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ 12:50, 2:15, 4:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:30
CLERKS II (R) 12:00, 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:30
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:55, 10:40
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YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) 12:15, 2:55, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 11:55, 12:50, 3:10, 4:10, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 11:40, 2:00, 4:40, 5:20, 10:10, 11:10
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 12:20, 3:45, 7:10, 10:35



SCOOP (PG13) ✓ 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:15

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

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SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:20

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

Shrek 2 (PG)
FREE Summer MovieCamp 10:30 AM
THE ANT BULLY (PG) ✓ 1:50, 4:15, 6:40, 9:00
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:25, 6:50, 9:10
MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:15, 9:15, 10:30
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LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 2:30, 5:15, 7:05, 8:00, 9:55, 10:45
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LITTLE MAN (PG13) 1:15, 2:15, 3:50, 4:45, 6:10, 8:35, 10:00
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) 12:40, 3:25, 6:05, 8:40
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:15, 2:45, 3:45, 6:15, 7:00, 9:30, 10:15
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 2:25, 5:10, 7:45, 10:40
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 12:10, 3:30, 6:55, 10:25
CLICK (PG13) 7:25, 10:35
CARS (G) 1:10, 4:10



SCOOP (PG13) ✓ 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

SpongeBob SquarePants (PG)
FREE Summer MovieCamp 10:30 AM
THE ANT BULLY (PG) 10:50, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) 11:55, 2:20, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20
MIAMI VICE (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
CLERKS II (R) 11:45, 2:50, 5:35, 7:55, 10:25
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 11:50, 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) 1:35, 4:05, 6:25, 8:45
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) 11:20, 2:10, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00
LITTLE MAN (PG13) 11:25, 2:25, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) 11:30, 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 11:40, 3:00, 6:20, 9:40, 10:50
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THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 11:10, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:50
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 1:30, 7:20
CLICK (PG13) 10:55, 4:50, 10:40
CARS (G) 1:50, 4:40



SCOOP (PG13) 11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

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703-506-9857 802

LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 1:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:05
CLICK (PG13) 1:30, 4:45, 7:50, 10:05
GARFIELD 2 (PG) 1:15, 3:15, 5:25
CARS (G) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
X-MEN 3 (PG13) 12:45, 4:15, 7:30, 9:55
THE DA VINCI CODE (PG13) 12:30, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

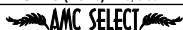


A SCANNER DARKLY (R) 2:00, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
THE LAKE HOUSE (PG) 5:50, 9:55
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 5:15, 7:55, 10:00

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220 844

Shrek 2 (PG)
FREE Summer MovieCamp 10:30 AM
THE ANT BULLY (PG) 12:55, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
MIAMI VICE (R) 12:50, 1:20, 4:00, 4:20, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:45
CLERKS II (R) 2:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 2:30, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
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MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:55
LITTLE MAN (PG13) 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:05, 10:25
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 1:40, 5:00



SHADOWBOXER (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801



A SCANNER DARKLY (R) 1:10, 4:40, 7:40, 9:50
SCOOP (PG13) 1:00, 3:40, 7:30, 9:40
SHADOWBOXER (R) 2:00, 4:20, 7:50, 10:00
WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? (PG) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00
WORDPLAY (PG) 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20
A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION (PG13) 1:20, 3:50, 7:00, 9:10
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) 1:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

Shrek 2 (PG)
FREE Summer MovieCamp 10:30 AM
THE ANT BULLY (PG) ✓ 10:35, 12:40, 3:00, 5:25, 7:40, 9:50
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ 10:40, 12:45, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ 11:25, 12:55, 2:25, 4:05, 5:35, 7:15, 8:40, 10:25
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THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 12:25, 4:15, 7:35, 10:55



SCOOP (PG13) 10:55, 1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:40

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12

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THE ANT BULLY (PG) ✓ 12:40, 3:10, 5:45, 8:15
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ 12:50, 3:20, 5:35, 8:00
MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ 12:30, 1:40, 4:00, 4:40, 7:00, 7:40
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CARS (G) 12:30, 3:25

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.
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JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ 12:20, 2:30, 4:30, 6:45, 9:10
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MONSTER HOUSE (PG) 12:15, 2:40, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) 1:00, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
CARS (G) 12:05, 3:00



A SCANNER DARKLY (R) ✓ 1:30, 4:15, 6:30, 9:00

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

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MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
CLERKS II (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:10
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 4:15, 7:45, 10:10
LITTLE MAN (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 9:45
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6

4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
202-334-3456

THE ANT BULLY (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10
MIAMI VICE (R) 12:20, 1:30, 3:20, 4:40, 6:40, 7:30
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) 1:55, 4:25, 7:05
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:45, 2:45, 4:10, 7:20

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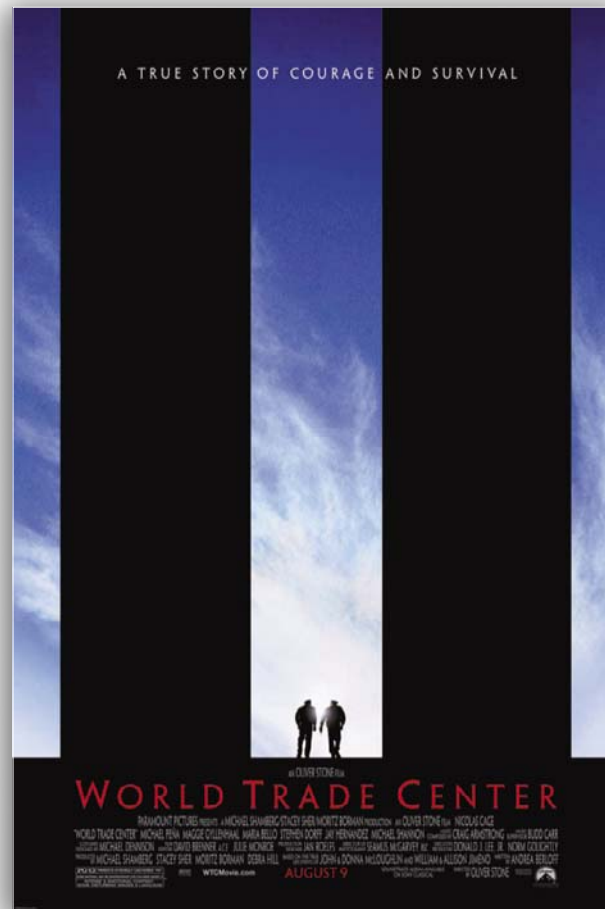
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Television

HEAD TRIP: "Psych" hasn't been on USA that long, but the network is already excited enough about the crime-comedy-drama starring James Roday and Dule Hill that it has ordered more episodes. Well, sorta excited: Three more "Psych"s are on their way.



Back on the Case

Helen Mirren is slated to suss out a last 'Prime Suspect'

UPDATE | Helen Mirren will return for a seventh and last "Prime Suspect" mystery on PBS' "Masterpiece Theatre" Nov. 12 and 19.

The acclaimed actress said at the TV critics' press tour she always wanted the gritty British police detective she first played in 1991 "to be modern, relevant, cutting-edge, real," and "in the real world, police people don't go on forever."



MYSTERY WOMAN: The "Suspect" series has been good to the actress.

If her hard-driven Jane Tennison character challenged male prejudice in her first appearance, she's long past that by her seventh. Now an established authority in the homicide squad, she's getting ready to retire and hitting the sauce so hard that it could jeopardize her final case.

Mirren is Emmy-nominated for her title turn in HBO's recent period piece "Elizabeth I." And she just finished playing Elizabeth II in Stephen Frears' theatrical film "The Queen." Coming out late this year, it focuses on the queen in the aftermath of the death of Princess Diana.

"You can imagine, in England, it's an incredibly hot potato," Mirren said. "I didn't want to be sycophantic and groveling. I wanted to be as truthful as I could be." DIANE WERTS (NEWSDAY)

ON TV TONIGHT

NOT MAKING IT WORK
As anyone who has been watching | **PROJECT RUNWAY** (10 p.m., Bravo) knows something terrible is supposed to happen tonight.

MUST AIEEEEE!! TV
Two episodes of **NIGHTMARES & DREAMSCAPES** (TNT) feature performances by Richard Thomas and Greta Scacchi (9 p.m.) and Kim Delaney and Steven Weber (10 p.m.).

PLEASE LET THE ANSWER BE 'NO'
Are shark attacks on the rise or are they merely a phenomenon of summer media? Find out on **SHARKS: ARE THEY HUNTING US?** (9 p.m., Discovery).

THAT STAPLER WAS MINE
A fired American worker travels to India to see where his job was outsourced on



BANGALORE BOOM: Chris Jobin has "30 Days" to find out where his job went.

30 DAYS (10 p.m., FX).
CULT CHOICE
Groucho, Chico, Harpo and Zeppo Marx throw a posh party in the 1930 comedy **ANIMAL CRACKERS** (8 p.m., TCM), co-starring Margaret Dumont. KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

8:20:06	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC [4] News [8]		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	America's Got Talent	Contestants perform, hoping to advance. (N) [8]			Law & Order "Kingmaker" [8]		News [8]	Tonight Show
	WTTG [5] Seinfeld [8]	The Simpsons [8]	The Simpsons [8]	Seinfeld [8]	House "Safe" [8]		So You Think You Can Dance (N) [8]		News [8]		News [8]	Geraldo at Large
	WJLA [7] News [8]	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! [8]	George Lopez [8]	George Lopez [8]	Lost "One of Them" [8]		Primetime "Medical Mysteries" (N)		News [8]	(35) Nightline
	WUSA [9] News [8]	CBS News	9News Tonight	Entertainment	Rock Star: Supernova (N) [8]		Criminal Minds "The Popular Kids"		CSI: NY "All Access" [8]		News [8]	Late Show
	WDCB [20] King of the Hill [8]	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Every-Raymond	America's Next Top Model [8]		All of Us [8]	Half & Half [8]	The Tyra Banks Show Transsexuals.		Girlfriends [8]	Girlfriends [8]
	WMPT [22] The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week		Live From Lincoln Center "Mostly Mozart Festival 2006"		American Masters "Edward R. Murrow: This Reporter" [8]					Crown-Cont.
	WETA [26] BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Live From Lincoln Center "Mostly Mozart Festival 2006"		Face: Jesus in Art [8]		Face: Jesus in Art [8]			Charlie Rose (N)
	WHUT [32] Business Schl	Tavis Smiley [8]	BBC World News	Moneywise	P.O.V. "The Fall of Fujimori" [8]		Power-Integrity		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley [8]	Charlie Rose (N) [8]	
	WDCW [50] My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	Blue Collar TV [8]	Blue Collar TV [8]	One Tree Hill [8]		Friends [8]	Friends [8]	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files A murder goes awry.	Crossing Jordan "Blame Game" [8]	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Inked (N) [8]	Inked [8]	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries [8]	The Most Extreme Animals reek.	The Crossing [8]		Last Maneater: Killer Tigers of India		Animal Cops Detroit [8]		The Crossing [8]		
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live [8]	Access Granted	Keyshia Cole	Soul of a Man	Keyshia Cole	Soul of a Man	Comicview [8]		Comicview [8]	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx
	Bravo	Work Out [8]	Project Runway "Wall to Wall" [8]	Project Runway [8]		Project Runway [8]		Project Runway (N) [8]		Work Out [8]		
	Comedy	★ ★ "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983, Comedy) Chevy Chase. [8]		The Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park [8]	South Park [8]	Dog Bites Man (N)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	
	Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops [8]	Cops [8]	Hot Pursuit	Hot Pursuit	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Psychic Detect	Haunting Evid.	LA Forensics
	Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made	Jaws of the Pacific [8]		Everything You Need to Know (N)		Sharks: Are They Hunting Us? (N)		Mythbusters: Jaws Special (N)		Mythbusters: Jaws Special (N)
	DISCH	Paramedics "Two Cities" [8]	Trauma: Life in the ER [8]	Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Plastic Surgery: Before and After
	Disney	That's So Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	★ ★ "Beethoven" (1992, Comedy) Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt. [8]		Life With Derek	American Drgn	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	
	FX	Sexiest		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Simple Life	Simple Life	Simple Life	Simple Life	Simple Life	E! News	The Daily 10
	FX	King of the Hill [8]	King of the Hill [8]	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Cops [8]	Cops [8]	Cops "Boston"	Cops [8]	30 Days "Outsourcing" (N)	30 Days "Outsourcing"	
	HGTV	Renovation	If Walls Could	Rezoned	House Hunters	Landscape Smart	I Want That! (N)	Want Tech Toy	Urban Outsiders	House Hunters	House Worth?	Junk Brothers (N)
	Family	7th Heaven "Love Stinks" [8]	7th Heaven "Here We Go Again" [8]	★ ★ ★ "Ever After: A Cinderella Story" (1998, Romance) Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston. [8]		Whose Line?		The 700 Club [8]				
	History	Modern Marvels: Panzers [8]	Modern Marvels: Paving America	Modern Marvels: Distilleries [8]		Modern Marvels: Brewing [8]		Modern Marvels: Nuts [8]		American Eats Ice cream. [8]		
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★ ★ "The Pilot's Wife" (2002, Drama) Christine Lahti, Campbell Scott. [8]		"Vanished" (2006, Suspense) A.J. Cook, Brad Rowe, Carlos Ponce. [8]		Will & Grace [8]		Will & Grace [8]		
	MTV	Can't Be You	Room Raiders (N)	Your Movie Show	Made "Prom Prince" [8]	Made "Prom Queen" [8]		The Hills [8]	The Hills [8]	Making Band	Final Fu [8]	Run's House [8]
	NICK	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Just for Kicks [8]	Full House [8]	Fresh Prince	A Different World	A Different World	A Different World
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Space Race" [8]	★ "Crocodile 2: Death Roll" (2001, Horror) Heidi Noelle Lenhart. [8]		★ "Tail Sting" (2001, Horror) Laura Putney, Christian Scott. Premiere. [8]					Dragon Fighter" (2002) Dean Cain.		
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos [8]	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [8]	★ ★ "Lethal Weapon" (1987) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. Premiere. [8]		Blade: The Series "Delivery" (N) [8]		Blade: The Series "Delivery" [8]		Blade: The Series "Delivery" [8]		
	TBS	Seinfeld [8]	Seinfeld [8]	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(15) ★ ★ "Unfaithful" (2002) (PA)		
	TLC	While You Were Out [8]	Surgery for the Unborn: Inside a Fetal	Untold Stories of the E.R.		Untold Stories of the E.R. (N)		Our 27 Kids Many children. [8]		Untold Stories of the E.R.		
	TNT	Law & Order "Entitled" [8] (DVS)	Without a Trace "Trials" [8]	Without a Trace [8]		Nightmares & Dreamscapes		Nightmares & Dreamscapes		Saved "Secrets & Lies" [8]		
	USA	(5:00) ★ "Collateral Damage" (2002)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent [8]	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [8]		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [8]		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [8]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [8]		
	VH1	Shocking Moments in Rock	Shocking Moments in Rock	Shocking Moments in Rock		★ ★ "Footloose" (1984, Drama) Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer, John Lithgow. [8]				Hollywood Sec.		
SPAN	TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemndo	Viuda de Blanco	Tierra de Pasiones	Amores de Mercado	Decisiones	Noti-Telemndo	Laura			
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) [8]	Baseball Tonight (Live)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at St. Louis Cardinals. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis. (Subject to Blackout)		SportsCenter (Live) [8]		Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith		Ship Shape TV [8]	Final Score	
	ESPN2	Mike and Mike	Around the Horn	World Series of Darts	World Series of Darts (N)	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Live)						
	CSN	Orioles Postgame	SportsNite [8]	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Baltimore Orioles. From Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore.		SportsNite (Live) [8]						
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight [8]	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now [8]	Larry King Live [8]	Anderson Cooper 360 [8]		The O'Reilly Factor				
	CNN	Special Report (Live) [8]	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	Hannity & Colmes (Live) [8]	On the Record-Van Susteren			MSNBC Investigates				
	MSNBC	Tucker	Hardball [8]	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Scarborough Country							
MOVIES	AMC	★ ★ ★ " Fargo" (1996, Suspense) Frances McDormand, Steve Buscemi. R' [8]	★ ★ "Hard to Kill" (1990, Action) Steven Seagal, Kelly LeBrock. Premiere. R' [8]		Hustle (N) [8]		(15) ★ ★ "Hard to Kill" (1990) R' [8]					
	TCM	(15) ★ ★ ★ "A Night at the Opera" (1935) The Marx Brothers. NR' [8]	★ ★ ★ "Animal Crackers" (1930) The Marx Brothers. [8]	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Monkey Business" (1931) NR' [8]		(15) ★ ★ ★ "Horse Feathers" (1932)						
	HBO	(5:30) ★ ★ "Racing Stripes" (2005)	(15) ★ ★ "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004) Vince Vaughn. [8]	Deadwood "Leviathan Smiles" [8]	Lucky Louie [8]	Entourage [8]	(15) ★ ★ "War of the Worlds" [8]					
	MAX	Hide and Seek R' [8]	★ "Major League II" (1994) Charlie Sheen. [8]	(15) ★ ★ "Major League: Back to the Minors" (1998) Scott Bakula. PG-13' [8]	★ ★ "Roll Bounce" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Bow Wow. [8]	PG-13' [8]						
	SHOW	(4:30) ★ ★ "The Pelican Brief" [8]	(6:55) ★ ★ "Hotel Rwanda" (2004) Don Cheadle. TV. [8]	PG-13' [8]	Brotherhood Rose's house is raided.	★ "Fascination" (2004, Suspense) Jacqueline Bisset. R' [8]	(45) Platoon R' [8]					
	TMC	Confessions [8]	(45) ★ ★ "Cool Blue" (1988) Woody Harrelson. R' [8]	(15) ★ ★ "The Final Cut" (2004) Robin Williams. Premiere. [8]	PG-13' [8]	★ ★ "Mean Creek" (2004) Rory Culkin. R' [8]	The Peace Killers					
	STARZ!	(5:50) ★ ★ "Boogeyman" (2005) Barry Watson. PG-13' [8]	(15) ★ ★ "The Waterboy" (1998) Adam Sandler. PG-13' [8]	★ ★ "Stealth" (2005) Josh Lucas. Three pilots combat artificial intelligence. [8]		(15) ★ ★ "Guess Who" (2005) [8]						
	ENCORE	(15) ★ ★ "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion" (1997) Mira Sorvino. [8]	★ ★ "My Cousin Vinny" (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci. [8]	R' [8]	(15) ★ ★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995) Bruce Willis. [8]	R' [8]						

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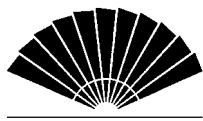
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Nuttin' Like It

Candy

The enigmatic circus peanut mysteriously maintains its fan base

Steve Kerr pulled apart the freshly made circus peanut and pressed his thumbs into its spongy, orange center.

Not too moist or too rigid — just right. “It’s all about feel,” he said.

He wasn’t tempted to taste it, though.

“I’m not a big fan,” admitted Kerr, vice president of operations for Spangler Candy Co., one of the few remaining makers of circus peanuts.

The marshmallow confection is as controversial as it gets when it comes to candy. What makes the circus peanut so intriguing and sparks debate among candy connoisseurs is that the treat is a mystery on many levels.

“People can’t wrap their brains around why it’s sweet and get really confused by the flavor,” said Beth Kimmerle, author of “Candy: The Sweet History.”

Though they’re orange and look like peanuts, they taste like banana. And they are chewier than a traditional marshmallow. Even those who like circus peanuts can’t agree on whether they’re better soft and fresh or stale and hard after sitting out for a week.

“Break out a bag anywhere and you’ll get a debate going,” Kimmerle said.

She prefers them factory fresh and once served slices at a cocktail party where guests were adding them to crackers and prosciutto.

Most love ‘em or hate ‘em. “It’s right up there with black licorice,” Kimmerle said.

Circus peanuts have become a cult item much like Peeps —

the marshmallow chicks and bunnies, said Steve Almond, a self-described candy addict who wrote

“Candyfreak,” a memoir that chronicles candy making in America.

He calls them “a mixture of fascination and disgust. It’s a completely baffling candy.”

No one knows how circus peanuts got their shape and name or how they long they’ve been around. One theory is that they originated with the traveling circuses at

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SWEET SUCCESS: Trying to find someone who actually likes circus peanuts may be tough, but its sales continue to rise — even surprising their manufacturers.

which vendors sold salted peanuts and candy.

By all accounts, circus peanuts date to the 1800s, when they were a seasonal treat and one of the original penny candies.

Spangler, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary and is best-

known for Dum-Dum lollipops and candy canes, has been producing circus peanuts since the 1930s.

The candy is the most difficult of the company’s products to make, Kerr said, because “you’ve got all these variables coming together.”

There’s little room for error

when it comes to cooking temperatures and ingredients — mainly sugar, gelatin, corn syrup and artificial flavor.

The toughest part is getting just the right amount of moisture. Too much will leave a thin, crusty layer on the outside. If they’re too dry, they’ll cave inward.

Spangler makes about 32,000 pounds per day. Most is sold in bulk to wholesalers and repackaged. The company also sells its own brand in retail stores.

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BETH KIMMERLE

“CANDY: THE SWEET HISTORY”

It makes varieties that are heart-shaped for Valentine’s Day and bunnies, chicks and eggs for Easter. A few years back, it discontinued a holiday-themed line because not many people would eat marshmallow Santas and Christmas trees.

Next Easter, the company will team up with Disney on a nationwide distribution of Winnie the Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore and Tigger candies. They’ll come in cotton candy, cherry, banana and lemon flavors.

The hope is it will attract more children to eat what is “an old person’s candy,” said Kirk Vashaw, Spangler’s vice president of contract businesses.

Circus peanuts are about 5 percent of Spangler’s business. The privately run company does not release overall sales figures.

Still, circus peanut sales were up last year and have increased 10 percent this year, Vashaw said. Not bad — and yet another mystery — considering candy sales have been flat lately.

“We’re a little perplexed why it’s going up,” he said. “The circus peanut is such an enigma. It’s hard to tell what’s going to happen to it.”

JOHN SEEWER (AP)

An Accent on Change

Communication

Area immigrants take lessons to improve their language skills

Kenny He, a Chinese-American, shuffled through a handful of software sales jobs when he first arrived 16 years ago, his accent stifling him at each stop. His presentations baffled co-workers. Customers would drift while he made his sales pitch.

"I was afraid to pick up the phone ... people wouldn't understand me," said He, who works in Reston, Va.

He's managers finally sent him to Sharon Heffley, who operates the Accent Modification Center out of her home in Northern Virginia. Heffley helps upwardly mobile professionals smooth accents that may be holding them back.

Armed with a tape recorder and endless patience, Heffley has

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spent the last 17 years unraveling the knot of mispronunciations and garbled syllables common to many international professionals. While Heffley doesn't specialize in any one accent, she has found a niche among Virginia's growing Asian population.

"Most of my clients do not come saying they want to assimilate so that nobody knows that they weren't born here," Heffley said. "They want to be more competitive with their American counterparts."

A 40-something Chinese-American computer engineer named Dean — who, like many of Heffley's students, did not want to be fully identified — got the Heffley



Sharon Heffley has spent 17 years in Great Falls, Va., as a language coach.

treatment during a recent lesson.

He had spent five minutes wrestling with a common household word and was getting nowhere.

A dozen attempts later, suc-

cess: Dean correctly pronounced the word "beds."

"It's kind of frustrating," said Dean, who found himself struggling to communicate even after nearly two decades in America.

"People get the wrong idea because I'm saying it wrong."

Studies suggest that in corporate America, an accent can mean missed promotions and more time spent behind desks instead of with clients, explained Oscar DeShields Jr., a professor of marketing at California State University, Northridge.

DeShields, who studies accents among salespeople, said customers often see an Irish brogue or a spicy Spanish accent as a cue that someone does not know what he or she is talking about.

"People look at you as being stupid. It's one of those stereotypes," he said. "If you can't get your ideas across ... it's of obvious repercussions."

At Heffley's weekly classes, students read winding passages into a table-mounted microphone as Heffley records them. Afterward, they listen to the tape, with Heffley stopping to offer blunt — but reassuring — criticism at each flub.

Between courses, students are urged to spend time speaking English in mirrors to observe how their mouths move and to chat more with their children, who may speak English better than them.

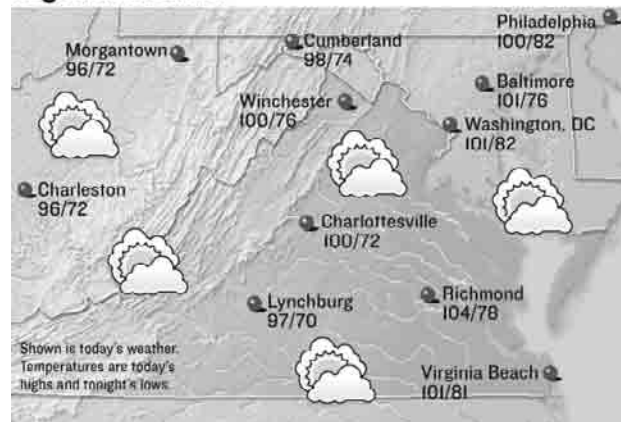
Costs for the courses, which are offered in group and private sessions, range from \$1,200 to \$1,800.

DIONNE WALKER (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly sunny, record heat	Hazy, very warm, humid	A thunderstorm possible in the afternoon	Partly sunny, a thunderstorm	Partly sunny, warm	Mostly sunny, seasonably hot
101°	82°	100°/76°	91°/72°	88°/70°	90°/72°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature	
High	97°
Low	79°
Normal high	88°
Normal low	70°
Average humidity	55%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.11"
Year to date	28.65"
Last year to date	27.27"
Normal year to date	22.93"

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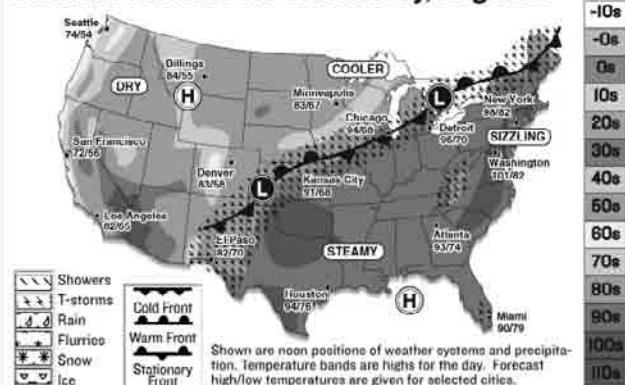
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, record-breaking heat, humid. High 101. Wind west-southwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, hazy, warm, humid.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:10 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:19 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:16 p.m.
Moonset today	none

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 15	Aug 23

National Weather for Wednesday, August 2



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	93/74/t	95/76/t
Boston	100/78/s	88/67/t
Chicago	94/68/t	83/64/t
Dallas	101/77/pc	100/76/s
Denver	83/58/t	84/58/pc
Honolulu	89/77/s	89/78/pc
Los Angeles	82/65/pc	84/65/pc
Miami	90/79/pc	91/77/pc
New York City	98/82/e	96/76/t
Orlando	94/76/t	92/74/t
Seattle	74/54/pc	76/54/s

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	66/58/r	66/57/sh
Athens	94/74/s	93/73/s
Berlin	72/54/pc	73/52/pc
Buenos Aires	55/35/pc	59/41/pc
Calgary	65/46/pc	70/46/s
Dublin	68/52/pc	68/54/pc
Geneva	74/62/c	67/52/t
Moscow	74/58/pc	63/58/r
Rome	88/70/pc	88/68/pc
Sydney	61/46/pc	61/46/pc
Tokyo	80/72/pc	85/74/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-fog.

Styles

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The New Summer Staple

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Fad

The ultimate in luxury isn't just for winter anymore

Until recently, cashmere was a material worn only in the colder months. But with the advent of featherweight or "summer weight" styles in unusual cuts and colors, cashmere has become a year-round staple for work and weekend. The fabric also is wrinkle-resistant, making it great for summer getaways.

"I always have a small cashmere sweater in my bag for those overly air conditioned places like theaters, airplanes and department stores," said Chantecaille Beaute founder Olivia Chantecaille via e-mail last week. "Cashmeres also come in handy at the beach when the sun is setting and the temperature drops; I like them roomy so you can throw them over a sundress or bikini."

A cashmere dress by Alexander Wang in a summery yellow brings the wool into the hot summer months.



This season, Chantecaille and her fellow warm-weather cashmere lovers have plenty to choose from.

Adam + Eve's lightweight cashmere comes in a black-and-white striped crew neck with chic button-tabbed sleeves or a ruffled cardigan with plunging v-neck, both of which would work at the office or after-hours.

3.1 Phillip Lim, meanwhile, just introduced two sweaters in superfine "baby" cashmere — one a cardigan with a rope-tied waist, the other a bibbed, short-sleeved henley — to see one through cool, late summer evenings in style.

KAROO Mark Eisen goes to extremes with his sheer summer cashmeres, which are available in a short-sleeved kimono style that is fitted around the hips and fuller on top, as well as a very slim long-sleeved henley designed to be layered over a tank, and a roomier tunic-length cardigan that would pair perfectly with jeans or a skirt.

Alexander



A cashmere halter over a sheer tank incorporates layering, one of fall's biggest trends, while still letting you stay cool. See alexanderwang.com for stores.

Wang also offers a variety of cozy warm-weather cashmeres in fun sherbet hues, from a backless halter style and candy-striped polo to light-as-air cashmere dresses, some plain, others with a contrasting ruffle hem.

And Whim debuted a line of featherweight cashmere for summer '06 that includes a more

casual short-sleeved hoodie, as well as a dressier ruched-front cardigan.

Although they're designed to be worn when the temperature soars, with a bit of judicious layering, these summer-weight sweaters will easily see you through the early days of fall.

LAUREN DAVID PEDEN (FASHION WIRE DAILY)

Subject



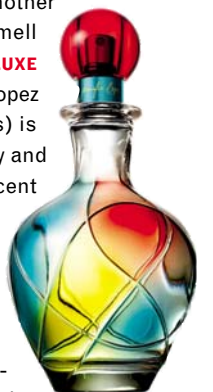
A Dip Worth Taking

Let us guess: You're heading to work right now, and you've already sweated off your eyeliner. After work, head to a Clinique counter and pick up their new **BRUSH ON CREAM LINER** (\$14.50). The pot holds deep, dramatic color that still doesn't overwhelm the eye. The included brush is small enough to help those who might be inexperienced with liquid or cream liners because you can brace your hand on your cheek. The liner goes on butter-smooth and shows impressive staying power, even in temperatures in which the air quality is best described as "armpit-like." Right now, the only colors are neutrals, but we're hoping for an expansion. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS).

Fragrance

Pretty on the Outside, Pretty on the Inside

Everyone's favorite Fly Girl has given the public another chance to smell like her. **LIVE LUXE** by Jennifer Lopez (\$42, Macy's) is light and airy and has a nice scent of citrus. It has a certain going-out-with-the-girls kind of quality, but is subtle



enough to fit in just as well at the office. It's a scent people notice, but not in a run-away-screaming kind of way. When the perfume is gone, keep the bottle for decorating. The glass is stained with blue, red, green and yellow, and the colors seem to morph and flow when the bottle moves, giving it a kaleidoscope quality. Splash on some Live Luxe and strut around like Jenny from the block.

CAROLYN STEEVES

 from readexpress.com

Reacting to the D.C. Curfew

POLL CENTER | Tuesday's Poll Center question — "Will the youth curfew in D.C. lower the crime rate?" — drew quite a few comments with proponents and opponents weighing in on the new 10 p.m. youth curfew that police officials hope will help keep the District's crime rate in check.

Commenter Gigi doesn't think it'll work. "Teens 16 and younger are not the main ones committing crimes. ... In my opinion, if people want to kill, they will kill, no matter if it's day or night."

Says teenager Tiffany M.: "Instead of crimes happening around the usual times, they will start occurring earlier in the day putting more people at risk. ... Also, crime done by juveniles and

even adults comes from something within, and at the end of the day it is a psychological problem that can't be fixed."

But Nikki A. is more hopeful about the curfew, which lasts through the end of the month: "I think it's a great idea for the youth to have a curfew at 10 p.m. I feel this will lower youth crime. ... This plan can work if parents are responsible for their children and police patrol the D.C. streets on a regular basis."

Commenter John D. likes the curfew so much, he hopes it's here to stay. "I think the curfew should be instituted on a permanent basis during the work week, but the weekends should be extended to 11:30 p.m. ... The fines levied against the parents



GRRR: The seventh annual Dog Days sidewalk festival is this weekend on 14th Street.

are more than appropriate."

While crime may be the primary motivating force with the curfew, commenter Eric is looking at its other potential effects: "To me, the overall benefit of the curfew will be in things that statisticians can't measure. Children will have more time in the house and, hopefully, under positive adult

supervision."

Want to weigh in? Send us your thoughts on the curfew at COMMENTS@READEXPRESS.COM.

→ Coming Up Today

The Mid-City Business Association hosts its seventh annual Dog Days sidewalk festival on 14th Street Northwest on Saturday and Sunday.

Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

How will U.S.-Cuba relations change if Fidel Castro dies?

1. Greatly improve
2. Moderately improve
3. Worsen
4. No change

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Will the youth curfew in D.C. lower the crime rate?

NO **YES**

67% 33%

As of 6 p.m. Tuesday. Not a scientific poll

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP



"Wig Man's head must be boiling, what with wearing a wig perched on top of his head like that."

WITH THE AREA'S HOT WEATHER, PYGMALIONINABLANKET.BLOGSPOT.COM WONDERS IF 'WIG MAN,' WHO TENDS TO HANG OUT IN DOWNTOWN'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA, IS HOT AND SWEATY.

Hit List

"The [Fidel] Castro death watch is in full effect and Cuban-Americans are already celebrating as if Castro has tripped on his last stair. ... I don't care for Castro, but he's not on my list of my most desirable deaths."

INTHEBULLPEN.COM APPARENTLY HAS A LIST OF "MOST DESIRABLE DEATHS."

Fenty the Oenophile

"Please know that the Councilmember rarely drinks and encourages everyone to drink responsibly. However, his wine preference is red from all regions, particularly Australia, and his favorite varietals are Shiraz, Merlot and Cabernet blends."

D.C. MAYORAL HOPEFUL ADRIAN FENTY'S CAMPAIGN STAFF ANSWERS AN INQUIRY.



Street Noise

"But what you may not be recognizing is that when you angrily lay on your horn, it's not the moron in the BMW that's blocking the intersection that bears the brunt. All he hears is a tinny beeping sound that exists somewhere between his Maroon Five CD and his cell phone conversation."

ARESEVEN.BLOGSPOT.COM ON HONKERS.

End of the Republic Cometh?

"The House of Representatives is ... fenced up with protective concrete barriers ... It all looks a bit entrenched and reeks of the final years of the Roman Empire, when direct access to the forum and the right of public association were regulated and restricted, the authorities firmly on the passive-aggressive impasse of foreign invasions, rather than listen to local issues."

BYRONIC.BLOGSPOT.COM SURVEYS THE CAPITOL CAMPUS.



Live Online

Mel's Meltdown

RAY RICHMOND, entertainment media columnist for The Hollywood Reporter, was online Tuesday at washingtonpost.com to discuss the response to Mel Gibson's arrest.

What is the inside-Hollywood reaction to what happened, and do you think Mel Gibson has lost any credibility as a movie star and movie director?

I'm surprised by the severity of the reaction Hollywood has had to Gibson's DUI and anti-Semitic spewing meltdown at the scene. There's real anger and anything but a forgiving mood. As for credibility, yes, in the short term there has been a great loss of credibility for Gibson. But expect it to subside within a few months when the emotion has cooled and more sober reflection (so to speak) has taken hold.

What's your best guess on "Apocalypto's" fate now?

I actually think "Apocalypto" will be as OK as any strangely-conceived film shot in a dead lan-

guage could have been. If it tanks, I don't think it will be because of Gibsongate. Mel and his spinners have four months to buff his image back to respectability.

I smell a visit to Oprah. And, yes, the Holocaust miniseries was canceled, but the network added that it had been two years and they hadn't yet seen a first draft of a script. I don't think he ever planned to make it — rather, he wanted the PR that came with 'saying' he was going to make it.


I agree he probably never planned to make the Holocaust mini. I, too, smell a visit (or two or three) to Oprah. And Dr. Phil.

Has there been any response to this incident from any actors?

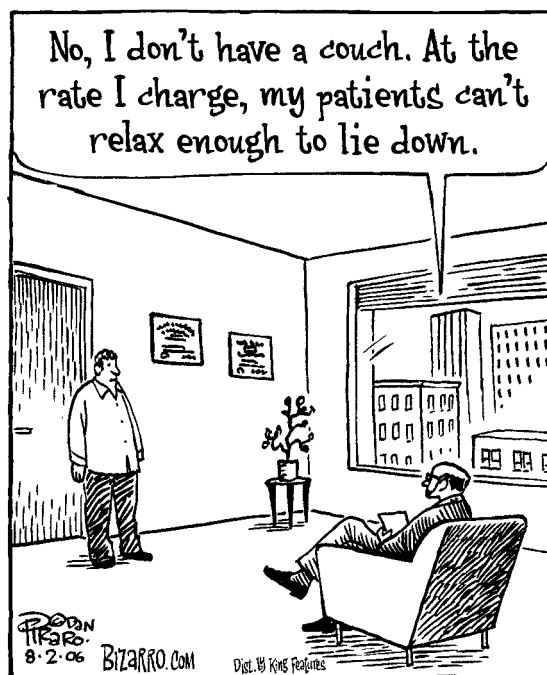
I heard some supportive comments from a few B-list types (Carnie Wilson) and D-minus list types (Tina Yothers) but not too many others. My guess: Those who have worked with Mel will support him; those who haven't won't. In general, there's a reluctance from those in the industry to discuss it for fear when Gibson does get back on his feet they don't want to be on Mel's bad list.

DON'T

POINT OUT THE DENTISTRY PROBLEM. While that unfortunate stereotype may be what comes to your mind when you think of England, most nominations and votes in the country's ICONS project (icons.org.uk) will be for positive things that are Anglo-unique.

 **TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE:** Author Brian Latell discusses what Fidel Castro's ailing health may mean to Cuba at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

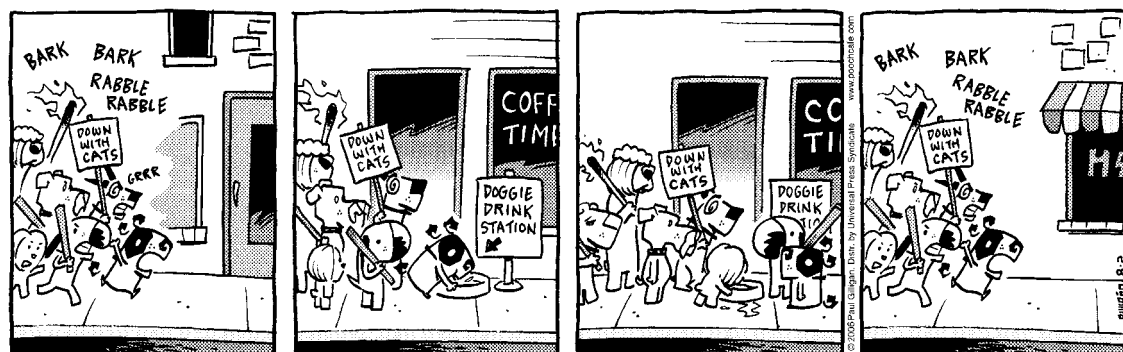


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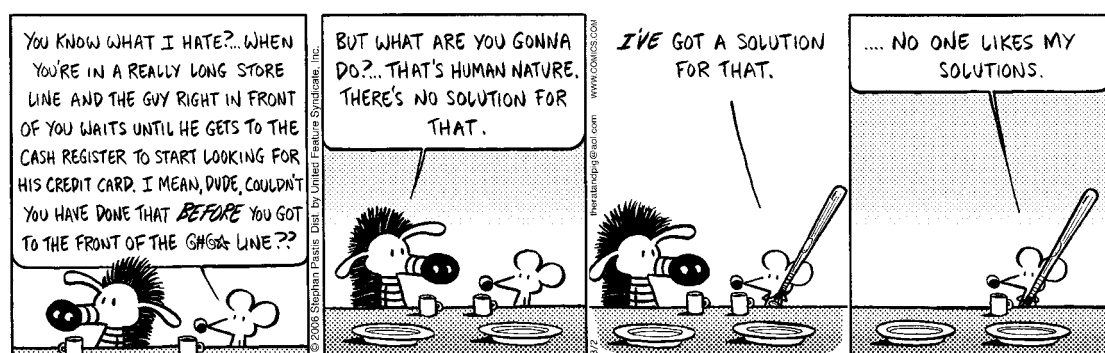


"Try to get some rest. I'll be in every few minutes to make sure you don't."

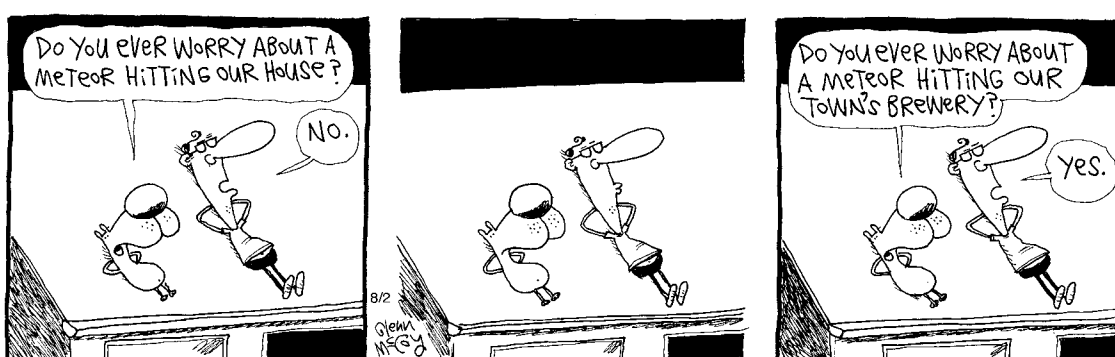
Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Unpredictability is the watchword — be prepared to face those things that you least expect to arise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're well on your way to winning another's affections, but don't make the mistake of seeming cocky or overconfident in any way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Others are expecting you to come through in style, and you have what it takes to deliver. Make sure, however, that you're pleasing yourself, as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) There is a danger of concerning yourself too much with how much everything costs and how difficult things may be. Lighten up and enjoy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Some may doubt your sincerity, but you know what you have going for you at this time is right for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may have to lead the way for others — but,

in time, everyone involved will take the reins at some point. Wean those around you slowly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be understanding when others are not able to live up to your expectations. Be willing to let bygones be bygones.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Anything that gives you pleasure is likely to give your friends and loved ones pleasure, as well. They have your best interests at heart.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your stamina is on the rise, and you should be able to outlast any competitor, no matter how formidable. This can be a memorable day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're in it for the experience, not for the immediate rewards. Still, by day's end, you should find yourself richer in many ways.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be overly concerned with what others are thinking — or saying behind your back. Now is the time to trust your instincts; be confident.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be thoughtful and considerate with those closest to you. Your usual flippant manner won't be acceptable to most at this time.

Letters

Down on Metro's New Cars

WITH REGARD TO THE new Metrorail cars that were recently introduced ("New Metrorail Cars Unveiled," Aug. 1): Pick another design. The new design appears to have less

seating and generally does not appear to be passenger-friendly. Unless Metro is planning to transport only those who are of a certain height or if cars are going to receive its passengers according to height, then the new trains are not really functional.

—SARA LEE
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1776 Members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

1873 Inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco.

1939 Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.

1943 During World War II, Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being



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rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands.

1990 Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)



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"I don't know why I'm popular, either!"

FINALLY 'Harry's Dead, and I'm Glad!'

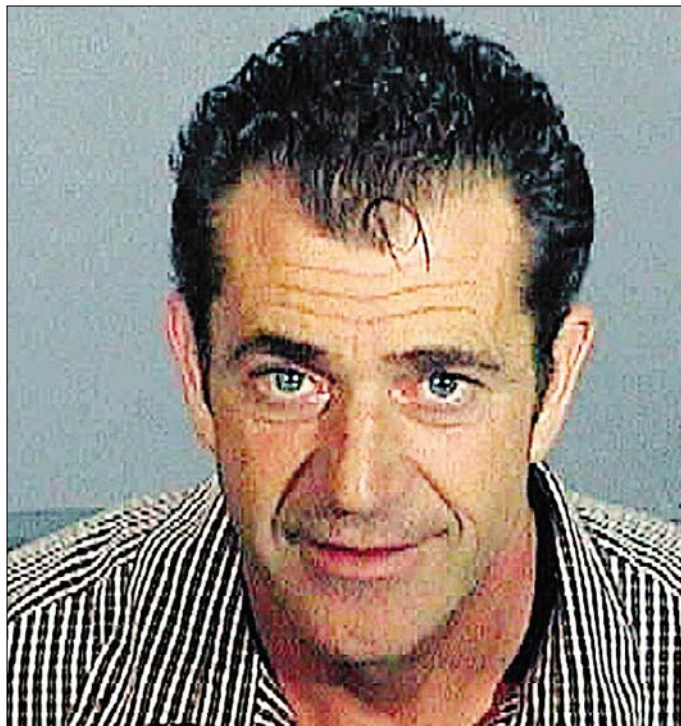
J.K. ROWLING says that writing the last of the Harry Potter books is proving to be "fun in a way that it hasn't been before." "To an extent, the pressure is off, I suppose, because it's the last book, so I feel quite liberated," she said Tuesday. "Now I can just resolve the story." (AP)

ACTING OUT Lee Is Totally Fine With Pam and Kid Rock's Relationship

Pilot David Keith Martz faces reckless flying and other charges for landing a helicopter on a public street to pick up former Motley Crue drummer



TOMMY LEE and take him to a Nine Inch Nails concert. (AP)



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DESPERATE

Mel Begg, Grovels

MEL GIBSON has apologized "for the vitriolic and harmful words" he used when he was arrested. "Hatred of any kind goes against my faith," he said. "I would like to ... meet with leaders in the Jewish community, with whom I can have a one-on-one discussion to discern the appropriate path for healing." (AP)

BOUNDARIES He Draws The Line At Purple Mascara, For Example

For all the envelope-pushing **ALICE COOPER** has done as a shock rocker, he also knows the value of boundaries, especially for children. "Kids love boundaries. We used to fight against them. But in all reality, what we really did want was to know where we could go.



Man, Alice looks so pale without his makeup.

Of course, you always step over the line just a little bit to see what's going to happen," said the rocker, 58. Cooper said his Christian nonprofit, Solid Rock Foundation, has begun fundraising efforts for a 20,000-square-foot teen activity center, to be built in West Phoenix, Ariz. (AP)

TRANSLATION 'I've Stopped Hitting Snooze On My Biological Clock'

ELIZABETH HURLEY says she plans to marry her boyfriend, Indian businessman Arun Nayer, very soon. "I can't tell you the exact date, but it is very close," Hurley, 41, told the Italian edition of Vanity Fair magazine. The couple have been dating since 2003. Hurley, who has a 4-year-old son, Damien, with film producer Steve Bing, added: "We are also thinking of having a child." (AP)



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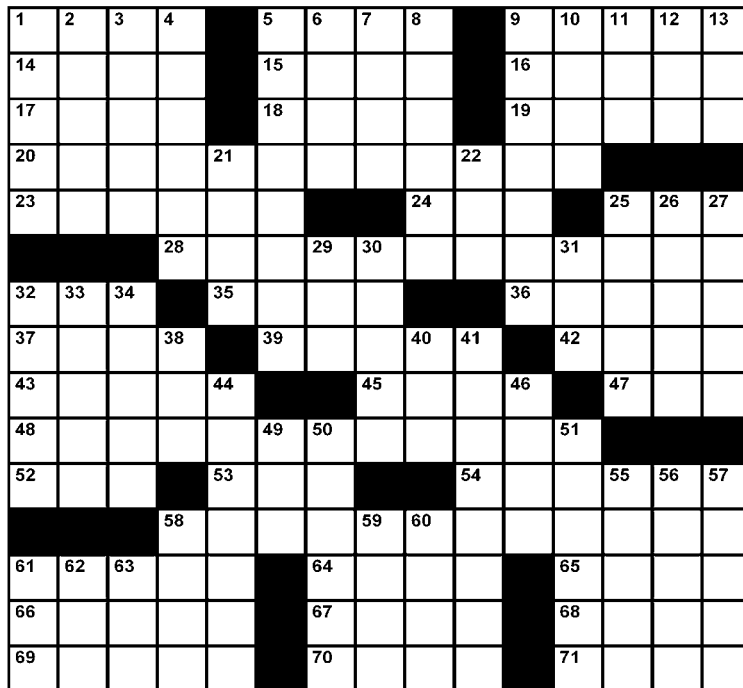
ACROSS

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5 Isn't passive
9 Genesis
14 Arabian Sea gulf
15 More than interested in someone's business
16 Lake near Carson City
17 Gang territory
18 Gouda cousin
19 Risible beast
20 Transplanted Acropolis sculptures
23 Acoustic term
24 Driller's quest, often
25 Old French coin
28 Memory lapses
32 Follower of Christ?
35 One with a sought-after list
36 The "O" in magazines
37 Chorus member
39 The eyes have it
42 Race terminus
43 Metamorphic stage
45 Not yet a marquis
47 Space abode, once
48 Test of public opinion
52 Electrical measure, for short
53 Long-bodied fish

- 54 Seizes without authority
58 Fun for the rescue squad
61 Doughboy's weapon
64 Pusher's bane
65 Revelation
66 Fervor
67 Sedan sweetie
68 The good earth?
69 Dilapidated cars
70 Anatomical pouches
71 Budget meeting?

DOWN

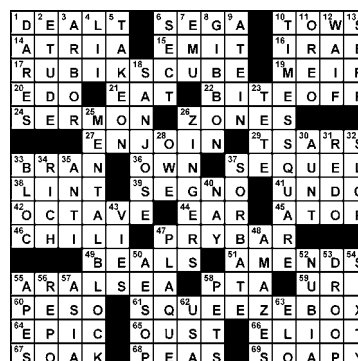
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2 One never seen in "Peanuts"
3 Enter traffic
4 Weak and feeble
5 Buttercup relatives
6 Closing musical passage
7 Despot ruler
8 Something standing for something else
9 Shakespeare character
10 Side in a vote
11 "Murder, ____ Wrote"
12 Long geological time period
13 Genteel affair
21 Prerequisite
22 Ad add-on
25 Vamoose
26 Giraffe's striped kin
27 One who walks



- down the aisle?
29 ____ chi
30 Spiritual being
31 Make up your mind
32 Sicily's neighbor
33 Car protector
34 Las Vegas area
38 Eggs, in science
40 Twain portrayer
41 Beats decisively
44 Mediterranean capital
46 Basis for a claim
49 Exclude
50 Sports venues

- 51 Suitable for marriage
55 Dangerous emission
56 State "Not guilty," e.g.
57 Gives a very poor review to
58 Broadway bomb
59 "____ Told Me (Not to Come)"
60 Idle from Monty Python
61 Jock support?
62 Wrath
63 U.S. health watchdog

Yesterday's Solution



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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

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Gallery Place-Chinatown station.

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View the new outdoor photography exhibition *One World, One Tribe – Reza*, a selection of powerful images from 30 years of work by the internationally known photojournalist Reza. Visitors during regular business hours at the National Geographic Museum, 1145 17th St. NW, can keep cool with free hand-held fans featuring National Geographic photography. For details, visit NationalGeographic.com/museum.

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Free performances continue through August 12 of DreamCity Theatre Group's play "The 70," based on the real-life experiences of riders on one of the city's main bus routes. Performances take place at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW. For details, visit www.dreamcitytg.org.

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Metro and Flexcar Unveil Low-Car Diet Challenge for 32 Area Residents

Metro and Flexcar have teamed up to present the Low-Car Diet Challenge, where 32 area residents give up their car keys for the month of August and use alternative methods of transportation. Participants will use a combination of Metrobus, Metrail, Flexcar, biking and walking.



The challenge is designed to show residents how easy it is to get around the Washington region without owning a car and to promote a cleaner and healthier environment. Metro will provide each participant with a SmarTrip® card good for unlimited travel on Metrobus and Metrail during the challenge, and Flexcar will provide each participant with 25 hours of free use for the month.

Each participant is required to keep a journal of his or her transportation experiences and share them with the community. WASH-FM radio's Maureen McLain — who's also one of the participants — will provide daily commentary about her and her fellow participants' experiences. You can also read the journals at Flexcar.com.

Borders Books will also participate in the Low-Car Diet Challenge, along with the Washington Performing Arts Society, which will give participants tickets to an upcoming performance. Stay tuned to find out how the participants handle the challenge!